

POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY ANNUALS



Common Name: **Baby Blue-Eyes**

Type: Annual

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Spring (May-June)

Flower color: Blue, white

Height: 1 foot

Note: A quick and easy annual which declines with hot weather, attracts a wide range of native bees.

Nemophila menziesii



Common Name: **Blanketflower**

Type: Annual and Perennial species

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Summer

Flower color: Orange/yellow

Height: 2 feet

Note: Attracts many bees and other pollinators. *Gaillardia arizonica* is an annual species.

Gaillardia (spp.)



Common Name: **California Poppy**

Type: Annual & Perennial species

Exposure: Sun / part shade

Bloom time: Late Spring

Flower color: Orange

Height: 1 foot

Note: all attract a diversity of bee species, easily self-sows

Eschscholzia (spp.)



Common Name: **Clarkia**

Type: Annual

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Spring to summer

Flower color: Pink, Purple, Red

Height: 2 feet

Note: *Clarkia amoena*, and *Clarkia unguiculata* are the most widely available species in this genus of annual wildflowers. Both are low-cost and very easy to start from seed.

Clarkia (spp.)

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Gilia capitata

Common Name: **Globe Gilia**

Type: Annual

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Spring to summer

Flower color: Blue

Height: 1-2 feet

Note: Easy to start from seed. Attractive to many species of nectar-feeding insects.



Lupinus (spp.)

Common Name: **Lupine**

Type: Both perennial and annual species

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Bloom time: Spring

Flower Color: Blue, pink, purple

Maximum height: 6 feet

Note: Butterfly Host Plant. Long-tongued bumble bees are the most common flower visitor as well as Mason bees and occasionally Honey Bees.



Cleome serrulata

Common Name: **Rocky Mountain Beeplant**

Type: Annual

Exposure: Sun, part shade

Bloom time: July – September

Flower Color: White / pink

Height: 4-5 feet

Note: A native Cleome which attracts more bees than the widely available South American native *Cleome hassleriana*.



Phacelia (spp.)

Common Name: **Scorpionweed**

Type: Biennial or perennial

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Bloom Time: Spring

Flower color: White, purple, yellow, pink

Height: 3 feet

Note: Attracts some specialist bees

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Helianthus (spp.)

Common Name: **Sunflower**

Type: Annual is *Helianthus annuus*

Exposure: sun to shade

Bloom Time: July - October

Flower Color: Yellow

Height: 8 feet

Note: Attracts bees, wasps, flies, butterflies and pollen-eating beetles. When planting the common annual sunflower avoid the “pollenless” or double-petaled ornamental varieties.



Trichostema lanceolatum

Common Name: **Vinegarweed**

Type: Annual

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Autumn

Flower color: Blue

Height: 3 feet

Note: Ornamental varieties of the closely-related wooly bluecurls (*Trichostema lanatum*) are also available and are also excellent pollinator plants.



Eriogonum (spp.)

Common Name: **Wild Buckwheat**

Type: Both annual and perennial species

Exposure: Sun

Bloom time: Summer to Autumn

Flower color: white, yellow, pink

Height: 6 feet

Note: Many species available. Nearly all are excellent pollinator plants. Wild buckwheats are important for several butterfly caterpillars; the flowers are an important food source for those same butterflies as mature adults.



Geranium (spp.)

Common Name: **Wild Geranium**

Type: Both annual and perennial species

Exposure: Shade to part shade

Bloom time: Spring

Flower Color: Rose-purple, pale violet-white

Height: 3 feet

Note: Visited by a variety of bee species.