

# Bee, Butterfly & Hummingbird



## NATIVE FLOWERS FOR FLOYD COUNTY, VA

These native flowering plants support nectar-feeders and strengthen Floyd's ecosystems. Choose a collection of plants to bloom from spring through fall, using shrubs and trees to fill in gaps so that nectar is available from spring through late fall. All plants are native to Floyd County, Virginia according to the Atlas of the Virginia Flora, noted of special importance to native bees and butterflies by the Xerces Society, and listed in approximate bloom order.

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**Key:** 🐝 Keystone species for native specialist bees according to Dr. Doug Tallamy. 🦋 Keystone species for Lepidoptera according to Dr. Doug Tallamy. 🦋 Monarch butterfly host and nectar plants. 🌞 Plants for fireflies. ❤️ Hummingbird favorite. 🏠 Important bee habitat and nesting materials. 🌿 Native grasses help provide insect habitat, suppress weeds, and share beneficial mycorrhizal associations. 🚫 Not native to Floyd but native to SWVA, according to the Flora. ☀️ Dry sun tolerant. 💧 Moisture-loving. 🌑 Shade or part-shade tolerant.

### Dry Sun

- LITTLE BLUESTEM (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) 🏠
- INDIAN GRASS (*Sorghastrum nutans*) 🏠
- DOWNY SERVICEBERRY (*Amelanchier arborea*) Mar-Apr 🦋
- CORAL HONEYSUCKLE (*Lonicera sempervirens*) Apr-Jul ❤️
- BLACK LOCUST (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) Apr-May
- LYRE LEAF SAGE (*Salvia lyrata*) Apr-May 🌞 ❤️
- HEART LEAF GOLDEN ALEXANDER (*Zizia aptera*) Apr-Jun
- WILD BLACK CHERRY (*Prunus serotina*) Mar-Apr 🦋
- GRAY DOGWOOD (*Cornus racemosa*) May-Jun 💧 🌞
- LANCELEAF COREOPSIS (*Coreopsis lanceolata*) May-Aug 🦋 🐝  
Native status contested by the Flora, this Tallamy keystone species attracts scores of native bees and butterflies.
- CAROLINA PASTURE ROSE (*Rosa carolina*) May-Jun 🦋 🏠
- BLACK GUM (*Nyssa sylvatica*) May-Jun
- BLACK HAW (*Viburnum prunifolium*) May-Jun 💧 🌞
- OHIO SPIDERWORT (*Tradescantia ohiensis*) May-Jul 💧 🌞
- COMMON EVENING PRIMROSE (*Oenothera biennis*) Jun-Jul 🐝
- SUNDROPS (*Oenothera fruticosa*) Jun-July 🐝
- SOURWOOD (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) Jun-Jul
- HOARY MOUNTAIN MINT (*Pycnanthemum incanum*) Jun-Jul 🌞
- NARROW LEAF MOUNTAIN MINT (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*) Jun-Aug 💧 🦋 🏠
- NEW JERSEY TEA (*Ceanothus americanus*) Jun-Aug
- DWARF BUSH HONEYSUCKLE (*Diervilla lonicera*) Jun-Aug 🌞
- BUTTERFLY WEED (*Asclepias tuberosa*) Jun-Aug 🦋
- WILD QUININE (*Parthenium integrifolium*) Jun-Sep 🦋
- TRUMPET CREEPER (*Campsis radicans*) Jun-Sep ❤️ Do not plant near structures, can overwhelm smaller trees and shrubs. Plant along a treeline or where mowing can contain it.
- WILD BERGAMOT (*Monarda fistulosa*) Jul-Aug 🦋 ❤️
- FIELD THISTLE (*Cirsium discolor*) Jul-Aug 🏠 🦋
- WHORLED MILKWEED (*Asclepias verticillata*) Jul-Sep 🦋
- BLACK EYED SUSAN (*Rudbeckia hirta*) Jul-Sep 🦋 🦋
- OXEYE SUNFLOWER (*Heliopsis helianthoides*) Jul-Sep 💧 🌞 🐝 🦋 ❤️
- SHOWY GOLDENROD (*Solidago speciosa*) Aug-Sep 🦋 🐝
- WINGSTEM (*Verbesina alternifolia*) Aug-Sep 🦋 🐝
- MARYLAND GOLDEN ASTER (*Chrysopsis mariana*) Aug-Oct 🦋 🐝
- AROMATIC ASTER (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*) Aug-Nov 🦋 🐝

### Moist Sun

- SILKY WILLOW (*Salix sericea*) Mar-Apr 🦋 🐝
- AMERICAN PLUM (*Prunus americana*) Apr-May 🚫 🦋 🦋
- SWEET CRABAPPLE (*Malus coronaria*) Apr-May 🦋 🌞
- GOLDEN ALEXANDER (*Zizia aurea*) Apr-Jun
- NINEBARK (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) May-Jun 🌞
- SILKY DOGWOOD (*Cornus amomum*) May-Jun 🌞 🦋
- ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis*) Jun-Jul 🏠 🌞
- SWAMP ROSE (*Rosa palustris*) Jun-Aug 🦋 🏠
- SWAMP MILKWEED (*Asclepias incarnata*) Jun-Aug 🦋
- BUTTONBUSH (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) Jun-Aug 🚫 🦋 🌞
- WHITE BASSWOOD (*Tilia americana var. heterophylla*) Jun 🦋
- CARDINAL FLOWER (*Lobelia cardinalis*) Jul-Sep ❤️ 🌞
- GREAT BLUE LOBELIA (*Lobelia siphilitica*) Jul-Oct ❤️ 🌞
- CUTLEAF CONEFLOWER (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) Jul-Sep 🌞 🦋 🦋
- DENSE BLAZING STAR (*Liatris spicata*) Jul-Aug
- JOE PYE WEED (*Eutrochium fistulosum*) Jul-Aug 🦋
- BLUE VERVAIN (*Verbena hastata*) Jul-Sep ❤️
- HELEN'S FLOWER, AUTUMN SNEEZEWEED (*Helenium autumnale*) Aug-Sep 🐝 🦋
- FLAT TOPPED WHITE ASTER (*Doellingeria umbellata*) Aug-Sep
- WRINKLE LEAF GOLDENROD (*Solidago rugosa*) Aug-Oct 🦋 🐝
- NEW ENGLAND ASTER (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*) Aug-Oct 🦋 🐝

### Part Shade

- VIRGINIA WATERLEAF (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*) May-Jun 💧
- FLOWERING DOGWOOD (*Cornus florida* 'Appalachian Spring') May 🦋
- PAGODA DOGWOOD (*Cornus alternifolia*) May-Jun 🦋
- WILD HYDRANGEA (*Hydrangea arborescens*) May-Jul
- THREADLEAF COREOPSIS (*Coreopsis verticillata*) May-Jul 🦋
- MEADOW PHLOX (*Phlox maculata*) Jun-Aug ❤️ 🦋
- MOUNTAIN SWEET PEPPERBUSH (*Clethra acuminata*) Jul-Aug
- YELLOW GIANT HYSSOP (*Agastache nepetoides*) Jul-Sep
- WOODLAND SUNFLOWER (*Helianthus divaricatus*) Jul-Sep 🦋 🐝
- WHITE TURTLEHEAD (*Chelone glabra*) Jul-Sep ❤️ 💧
- WHITE WOOD ASTER (*Eurybia divaricata*) Aug-Sep
- WREATH GOLDENROD (*Solidago caesia*) Aug-Oct 🦋 🐝
- BLUE WOOD ASTER (*Symphotrichum cordifolium*) Sep-Oct 🦋 🐝

Nectaring bees and wasps can be observed up close without any fear—they are fixated on gathering nectar and will completely ignore you!

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