FACTSHEET

Bulbs for Bees & Butterflies

There is no happier site than an Allium covered in bees who themselves are covered in pollen. A huge range of flower shapes, flowering heights and colours entice in bees and butterflies providing valuable nectar and pollen.

Selecting bulbs that attract wildlife ensures that you keep your pollinators happy too. Our list below highlights some of the more popular bulb choices for attracting bees, butterflies and pollinating insects into your garden.

BULB	ATTRIBUTES	HEIGHT	FLOWERS
Allium Ambassador	Large intense purple flowers	120cm	June - July
Allium cristophii	Very large silver-lilac heads made up from many star-shaped flowers	60cm	June - July
Allium giganteum	Dense mauve star-shaped flowers up to 20cm across. Very tall striking plant	95cm	May
Allium hollandicum Purple Sensation	Our best-selling bulb! The violet-purple blooms look superb scattered throughout the border	90cm	May - June
Allium Mount Everest	Large white flowers on tall stems	110cm	May - June
Allium nigrum	Grey basal leaves. Creamy-white, sometimes pale lilac flowers	75cm	May - June
Allium sphaerocephalon	Grassy foliage with wine purple drumstick like flowers	90cm	July - August
Anemone coronaria Pink/Purple Mix	A mix of pink and purple flowers	30cm	May - June
Anemone De Caen	Mixed colours	25cm	June
Anemone blanda Mixed	Mix of all blanda colours, blue, white and pink	12cm	March - April
Anemone blanda Blue	Blue, low growing	12cm	March - April
Anemone blanda White Splendour	White, low growing	12cm	March - April
Anemone St Brigid	Double flowers. Mixed colours	25cm	June
Camassia leitchtlinii Alba	Tall spires of white star shaped flowers	120cm	June - July
Camassia leitchtlinii Caerulea	Tall spires of blue star shaped flowers	75cm	June - July
Crocus chrysanthus Cream Beauty	Species Crocus with soft cream fragrant flowers	15cm	Jan - Feb
Crocus Grand Maitre	Large flowers of lavender blue. A popular choice	15cm	Feb - March
Eremurus robustus	One of the tallest flowering bulbs available. Flowers range from white, creamy yellow, orange-brown to peachy pink. Excellent for butterflies	180cm	June



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Fritillaria imperialis Aurora	Orange-red flowers topped by green bracts	90cm	April - May
Fritillaria imperialis Lutea	Bright yellow flowers topped by green bracts	90cm	April - May
Fritillaria persica	Bell shaped deep purple-plum flowers held on tall flower spikes holding 30 flowers or so	75cm	April - May
Galanthus nivalis	Common Snowdrop. Delicate white nodding flowers	15cm	Jan - March
Gladiolus italicus	Magenta pink flowers. Sword shaped leaves	60-70cm	April - May
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	English Bluebell. Blue, bell-shaped flowers. Fragrant	10cm	April - May
Iris reticulata Blue Note	Dark blue flowers with dark edges and white markings. Fragrant	20cm	Feb - March
Leucojum aestivum Gravetye Giant	Looks like a large snowdrop producing several flowers per stem, white with green tips. Gravetye Giant is a superior form of aestivum	55cm	March - April
Muscari latifolium	Dark blue spikes with light blue tops. Quite unusual	20cm	March - April
Muscari azureum	Soft blue flowers. Fragrant	15cm	March - April
Muscari latifolium Grape Ice	Dark purple flowers with a striking white tuft	15cm	March - April
Muscari armeniacum Night Eyes	Violet-blue flowers with white tips. Fragrant		March - April
Puschkinia scilloides libanotica	Silver-blue striped blooms. Fragrant	20cm	March - April

Bulb Planting

- Plant all bulbs in holes that are two to three times the depth of the bulb itself
- Ensure the tip of the bulb is facing upwards
- Plant using Bulb Starter Empathy with Rootgrow, a mixture of vermiculite and Mycorrhizal fungi designed to promote a
 healthy strong root system for rapid establishment and improved flowering. It's simple to use place a small amount
 in the bottom of the planting hole, then the bulb and backfill. Available in easily sealable pouches of 250g and 500g

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