



# CHESTERMERE

## Bee Friendly Plants for Chestermere

This list includes both native and non-native species of trees, shrubs and perennials that are hardy in Chestermere and provide nectar and pollen for bees throughout the growing season.

### Trees and Shrubs

#### Spring

Willow  
Mountain Ash  
Crabapple  
Fruit Trees (Apple/Plum/Pear)  
Pincherry  
Cranberry  
Cotoneaster  
Currant  
Lilac  
Caragana  
Honeyberry (Haskap)  
Nanking Cherry  
Russian Almond  
Dogwood  
Double Flowering Plum  
Hawthorn  
Spirea  
Gooseberry  
Saskatoon  
Honeysuckle  
Western Sandcherry  
Wayfaring Tree  
Nannyberry

#### Summer

Potentilla  
Some Roses (Rugosa, Woodsii)  
Ninebark  
Mockorange  
Spirea  
Raspberry  
Chokecherry  
Elder

#### Fall

Potentilla





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## Perennials

### Spring

Crocus  
Daffodil  
Primrose  
Allium  
Bugloss  
Bergenia  
Bleeding Heart  
Pulmonaria  
Rockcress  
Aster  
Columbine  
Thrift/Sea Pink  
Blue Flax  
Iris  
Jacob's ladder  
Cranesbill (Geranium)  
Pasqueflower (Anemone Pulsatilla)

### Summer

Catmint  
Chives  
Bee Balm  
Allium  
Shasta Daisy  
Bellflower (Campanula)  
Delphinium  
Tickseed (Coreopsis)  
Sage (Salvia)  
Bugbane  
Gallardia  
Ligularia  
Gayfeather (Liatris)  
Lupine  
Globe Thistle  
Beard Tongue (Penstemon)  
Clematis  
Thyme  
Speedwell (Veronica)  
Violet (Viola)  
Cornflower (Scabiosa)  
Obedience Plant (Physostegia)  
Cranesbill (Geranium)  
False Sunflower (Heliopsis)  
Joe Pye Weed  
Musk Mallow (Lavatera)  
Forget-Me-Not

### Fall

Clematis  
Fall Aster  
Borage  
Coneflower (Echinacea)  
Stonecrop (Sedum)  
Goldenrod  
Hollyhock  
Turtlehead  
Helenium  
Agastache (Hyssop)

Dandelions and Clover are a major source of pollen and nectar for bees. If we look at them from a bee's perspective, maybe they are not so ugly after all.

If you plant annuals, look for Snapdragons, Cosmos, Cleome, Ageratum, Sunflower, Dahlia, Zinnia, Nasturtiums, Gazania.

The use of landscape fabric in gardens impedes the ability of native bees to burrow in the ground.

