







North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council  
 Pollinator Plant List for Northern California Per Bloom Season

Common Name	Scientific Name	Nectar Source for Honey Bees	Pollen Source for Honey Bees	Bloom Season	Flower Color				CA Native	Perennial	Annual or Biennial	Deciduous	Evergreen	Native Bees	Honey Bees	Butterflies	Moths	Wasps (parasitic & predator)	Flies (Hover & Tachinid)	Beetles i.e. Ladybugs	Hummingbirds	Birds	Bats	Special Notes	
					Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter																	
Veronica	Veronica longifolia	minor			X	X							X	X	X										
Vetch	Vicia spp.	minor	none	June	X					X			X	X	X		X			X					Milkvetch hosts Silvery Blue, Acmon Blue butterfly
Wallum bottlebrush	Callistemon pachyphyllus		major		X						X		X							X					
Watermelon	Citrullus lanatus	minor	minor	June	X					X			X	X											
White Dutch Clover	Trifolium repens	major	minor		X				X				X	X	X			X							Host to the Greenish Blue butterfly
White Sage	Salvia apiana	major			X				X				X							X					
White sweet clover	Melilotus alba	major	major		X					X			X	X			X								Host to the Greenish Blue butterfly
Wild bergamot / horsemint	Monarda fistulosa	minor	minor	May - Aug.	X	X			X				X	X							X				
Wild Buckwheat / Calif. Buckwheat	Eriogonum fasciculatum	major	major	April - Nov.	X	X	X				X		X	X											
Wild Onion	Allium	major			X	X							X	X											
Wild Radish	Raphanus raphanistrum	minor	major					X					X	X				X							Host to Swallowtail butterflies. Raphanus sativus is rated a "limited" invasive.
Willow	Salix spp.	minor	major		X						X		X	X											Host to Western Tiger Swallowtail, Sylvan Hairstreak, Mourning Cloak, Lorquin's Admiral butterfly
Yarrow	Achillea milleforlium		minor		X						X		X	X	X		X			X					
Yellow cosmos, Sulphur cosmos	Cosmos sulphureus Cav.	minor	minor	summer to early fall	X	X				X			X												
Yellow sweet clover	Melilotus officinalis	major	major		X				X				X	X											Host to the Greenish Blue butterfly
Zinnia	Zinnia violacea				X	X			X	X			X	X		X				X					

Source: this list is a compilation from many sources including but not limited to Sonoma County Beekeepers Association "Plant 4 Bees" list, Frankie Lab (UC Berkeley) California Statewide Survey (<http://helpabee.org>)