List of Mid-Atlantic Bee-Friendly Plants

Month	Common Name	Scientific Name	Nectar Production	Pollen Production	Bloom Duration	Annual or Perennial	Seed?	
February	Winter Aconite	Eranthis hyemalis	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial	Bulb	
	Snowdrops	Galanthus nivalis	2	3	2-4 weeks	Perennial	Bulb	
April	Dutch Crocus	Crocus vernus	2	3	1-2 weeks	Perennial	Bulb	
May	Giant Onion	Allium giganteum	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial	Bulb	
	Italian Bugloss	Anchusa azurea	3	2	1-2 weeks	Annual-Perennial		
	Sage	Salvia officinalis	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Spiderwort	Tradescantia virginiana	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
June	Chinese Cives	Allium tuberosum	4	3		Perennial		
	Hound's Tongue	Cynoglossum amabile	3	2	2-3 weeks	Biennial, perennial		
	Desert Candle	Eremurus robustus	2	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Buckwheat	Fagopyrum sagittatum	3	2	2-3 weeks	Annual		
	Cranesbill	Geranium spp.	3	2	1-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Hyssop	Hyssopus officinalis	3	2	3-4 weeks	Evergreen herb perennial		
	Motherwort	Leonus cardiaca	4	3	2 months	Perennial		
	Spearmint	Mentha x spicata	4	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Catmint	Nepeta mussinii	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	Fiddleneck	Phacelia tanacetifolia	5	3	4-5 weeks	Annual		Needs moisture. Doesn't do as well in America as Euro
	Salvia	Salvia x superba	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	Thyme	Thymus praecox	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Thyme	Thymus vulgaris	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	White Dutch Clover	Trifolium repens.	4	3	Whole summer	Perennial		
July	Milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	3	1	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Flat-leaved Eryngium	Eryngium planum.	3	2	4-5 weeks	Perennial		
	Plantain Lily	Hosta fortunei.	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Sweet Marjoram	Majorana hortensis	3	2	2-3 weeks	Annual		
	Basil	Ocimum basilicum	3	2	4-6 weeks	Annual		
	Egyptian Star Cluster	Pentas lanceolata	3	1	Whole summer	Perennial		
	Lima Bean	Phasoleus lunatus	3	1	Whole summer	Climbing vegetable annual		
	Mountain Mint	Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	Mignonette	Reseda odorata.	4	3	June - December	Annual		Bees love
	Mealy-Cup-Sage	Salvia farinacea	3	1	6-8 weeks	Perennial		
	Speedwell	Veronica spicata.	3	2	4-6 weeks	Perennial		
August	Golden Honey Plant	Actinomeris alternifolia	4	3	4-5 weeks	Perennial		
	Anise Hyssop	Agastache anethiodora	3	1	6-8 weeks	Perennial		
	Ornamental Onion	Allium aflatunense	3	2	2 weeks		Bulb	
	Onion	Allium cepa	4	3	1-2 weeks	Biennial vegetable		
	Giant Onion	Allium giganteum	3	2	1-2 weeks		Bulb	
	Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	Borage	Borago officinalis	3	3	Whole summer	Annual		Very attractive to bees
	Calaminth	Calamintha nepetoides	3	1	4-6 weeks	Perennial		
	Heather	Calluna vulgaris	4	2	3-4 weeks	Evergreen shrub		Honey OK for humans but not for winterizing bees
	Sunflower	Helianthus annuus	3	4	1-2 weeks	Annual		Big sunflowers
	Plantain Lily	Hosta plantaginea	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		
	Apple Mint	Mentha suaveolens	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		
	Bluebeard	Caryopteris x clandonensis	4	2	3-4 weeks	Deciduous shrub		3-5 ft tall
	Bluebeard	Caryopteris incana	4	2	3-4 weeks	Deciduous shrub		4 ft tall
	Basil	Ocimum basilicum	3	2	4-6 weeks	Annual		Good and steady flow of nectar
	Oregano	Origanum valgare	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial		

	Sage	Perovskia abrotanoides	3	2	4-5 weeks	Perennial		3-5 ft tall				
	American Mountain Mint	Pycnathemum virginianum	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Coneflowers		1	3	2-3 weeks			Several different types good for pollen				
	Burnet	Sanguisorba tenuifolia	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial						
	Scaevola	Scaevola aemula	3	2	4-6 weeks	Perennial						
	Stonecrop	Sedum spectabile	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Ironweed	Vernonia altissima	3	2	Whole summer	Perennial						
	Speedwell	Veronica spicata.	3	2	4-5 weeks	Perennial						
	Calver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial						
September	Giant Hyssop	Agastache mexicana	3	1	3-4 weeks	Perennial						
	Sage	Salvia 'Indigo Spires'	3	2	3-4 weeks	Perennial						
	Stonecrop	Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	3	3	2-3 weeks	Deciduous Perennial						
October	Onion	Allium cernuum	3	3	1-2 weeks		Bulb					
	Aster	Aster novae-angliae	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Shasta Daisy	Chrysanthemum maximum x superbum	2	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Crocus	Crocus speciosus	3	3	1-2 weeks		Bulb					
	Maximillian Sunflower	Helianthus maximilliani	2	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial		4-7 ft tall				
	Bush Clover	Lespedeza thunbergli	4	4	3 weeks	Deciduous shrub		4-8 ft tall				
	Texas Sage	Salvia coccinea	3	2	2-3 weeks	Annual						
	Sage	Salvia guarntica	3	3	3-4 weeks	Perennial		Bees have to do bypass surgery to get nectar				
	Mexican Bush Sage	Salvia leucantha	3	3	3-4 weeks	Perennial						
	Scarlet Sage	Salvia splendens	3	2	4-5 weeks	Annual						
	Goldenrod	Solidago rugosa	4	3	1-2 weeks	Perennial						
November	Tatarian Aster	Aster tataricus	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum pacificum	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum rubellum	3	3	2-3 weeks	Perennial						
	Sage	Salvia elegans	3	2	2-3 weeks	Perennial		Bushy - 3-5 ft tall				