Major Honey Plants In Virginia and Their Bloom Times

The following list of flowers provides a guide to some of the nectar producing plants of importance to Virginia beekeepers. The bloom times are only approximate and will vary in different areas of the state. Learning to identify the plants and knowing the time of bloom can be a help in management.

The flowers are categorized on a seasonal basis, and divided into the categories listed below. More detailed information about the different honey plants can be found by clicking on the pictures or plant names.

Early to Mid-Spring Flowers (February to early May)

Late Spring and Summer (May to August)

Fall Flowers (August to October)

Early to Mid-Spring Flowers

<u>Plant</u>

Bloom Time



Willow

Early to late February



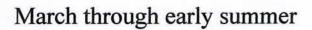
Maples and other

Late February to April

trees



Dandelion





Fruit Trees

Mid-April through early May



Redbud

Early to mid-April to early May



Wild mustards

Mid-April to Mid-May



Russian Olive

Late April to May

Late Spring and Summer Flowers

Plant

Bloom Time



Black locust

First of May for several weeks



Mid-May through early June

TULIP POPLAR

Tulip poplar



Bramble (blackberry, Mid-May through most of June



White clover

First of May to July



Red clover

Early June to July



Yellow sweet clover

End of May through June



White sweet clover

First of June to early July



Tree of Heaven

(Ailanthus)

Early June to July



Basswood

Second week of June to early July



Fall Flowers

Plant

Bloom Time



Buckwheat

Mid to late August



Boneset

Mid-August to mid-September



Ironweed

Mid-August to mid-September



Goldenrod

Mid to late August to early October



Aster

Early September to mid-October

Early to Mid-Spring Flowers

Late Spring and Summer

Fall Flowers

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