

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.

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Early to Mid-Spring Flowers

Plant

Bloom Time



[Willow](#)

Early to late February



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Late February to April

treesDandelion

March through early summer

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 FlowersPlantBloom TimeBlack locust

First of May for several weeks



Mid-May through early June

TULIP POPLAR

Tulip poplar

Bramble (blackberry, raspberry) 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

Sumac

Second week of June to
mid-July

Sourwood

Mid to end of June to
mid-July

Milkweed

Mid-July to early August

Thistle

July to early August

Blueweed

July to early August

Knapweed

Mid-July to early
September






Spanish Needle

Late July to August

Alfalfa

Mid to late summer

Fall Flowers

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>
 <u>Buckwheat</u>	Mid to late August
 <u>Boneset</u>	Mid-August to mid-September
 <u>Ironweed</u>	Mid-August to mid-September
 <u>Goldenrod</u>	Mid to late August to early October
 <u>Aster</u>	Early September to mid-October

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