PLANTS TO ATTRACT BEES

The bee is incredibly important to our agriculture and horticulture industry for crop pollination. Approximately one third of the calories we eat and three-quarters of our food diversity rely on bees for pollination.
Good bee health relies on a continual supply of diverse pollen and nectar. Bees need pollen as a source of protein and vitamins, while nectar is needed for energy.

Spring is a critical time for quality pollen availability. A lack of pollen at this time can lead to protein stress which weakens bees making them more susceptible to pests and diseases.

For more information visit:
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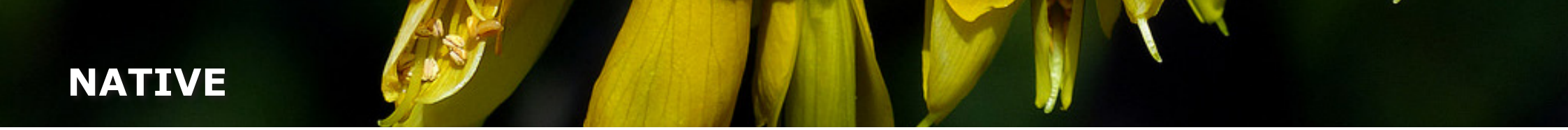
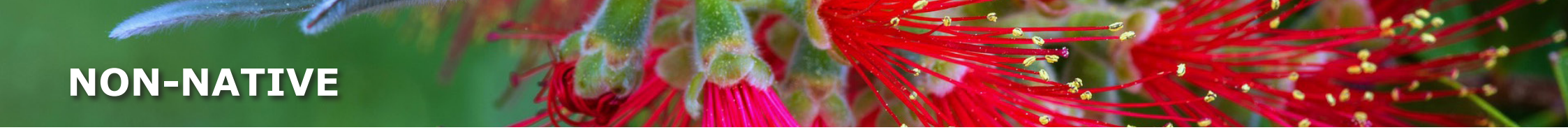


NATIVE

					WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			AUTUMN		
		Height	Value for pollen (P)	Frost tender (T)	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	10 m		T												
Aristotelia serrata	Wineberry	10 m	P													
Arthropodium cirratum	Rengarenga	0.5 m														
Carpodetus serratus	Marbleleaf	5 m														
Coprosma robusta	Karamu	3 m	P													
Cordyline australis	Cabbage tree	10 m	P													
Dianella nigra	Turutu	0.5 m														
Dodonea viscosa	Akeake	7 m														
Grisilinia littoralis	Mahimahi	10 m														
Hebe stricta	Koromiko	2 m														
Hoheria angustifolia	Hungere, narrow-leaved lacebark	6 m	P													
Hoheria sexstylosa	Houhere, long-leaved lacebark	6 m														
Knightia excelsa	Rewarewa	30 m	P	T												
Kunzea ericoides	Kanuka	8 m	P													
Leptospermum scoparum	Manuka	4 m	P													
Lophomyrtus bullata	Ramarama	4 m														
Lophomyrtus obcordata	Rohutu	5 m														
Melicytus ramiflorus	Whiteywood	10 m	P	T												
Metrosideros robusta	Northern Rata	25 m	P													
Metrosideros umbellata	Southern Rata	15 m	P													
Myoporum laetum	Ngaio	7 m		T												
Olearia paniculata	Akepiro	4 m														
Phormium tenax	Swamp flax	2 m	P													
Pittosporum eugenoides	Lemonwood	9 m	P													

NATIVE (CONTINUED)

					WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			AUTUMN		
		Height	Value for pollen (P)	Frost tender (T)	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Pittosporum ralphii	Karo	4 m	P													
Pittosporum tenuifolium	Kohuhu	6 m	P													
Pittosporum umbellatum	Haekaro	5 m		T												
Plagianthus divaricatus	Saltmarsh ribbonwood	2 m														
Plagianthus regius	Ribbonwood	9 m														
Pseudopanax arboreus	Five-finger	6 m	P													
Pseudopanax crassifolius	Lancewood	12 m	P													
Sophora microphylla	Kowhai	7 m	P													
Sophora tetraptera	North island kowhai	8 m	P													



NON-NATIVE

					WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			AUTUMN		
		Height	Value for pollen (P)	Frost tender (T)	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Acer tartaricum v. ginnala	Amur maple	7 m	P													
Arbutus unedo	Irish strawberry tree	7 m														
Callistemon	Bottlebrush	3 m		T												
Cercis siliquastrum	Judas tree	7 m														
Chamaecytisus palmensis	Tree lucerne	5 m														
Choisya ternata	Mexican orange blossom	2 m	P													
Corylus avellana	Hazelnut	5 m														
Corymbia ficifolia	Red flowering gum	10 m		T												
Eucalyptus leucoxylon	Winter flowering pink gum	15 m		T												
Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow box	20 m														
Eucalyptus nicholii	Willow peppermint gum	10 m														
Eucalyptus regnans	Swamp gum	50 m														
Lavandula spp	Lavender	1 m														
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip tree	35 m														
Magnolia spp	Magnolia	5 m														
Malus spp	Crab apple	3 m	P													
Prunus serrulata	Ornamental cherry	3 m	P													
Pyrus spp	Pear	10 m	P													
Quercus spp	Oak	30 m	P													
Rosaminus officinalis	Rosemary	1 m	P													
Salix matsudana x alba	Moutere	20 m	P													
Salix matsudana x alba	Tangoio	20 m	P													
Salix sepulcralis	Chrysocoma	15 m	P													
Thymus vulgaris	Thyme	0.3 m														
Tilia spp	Lime, Linden	25 m														