



Dear Bee Friendly Grower,

We are so grateful that you are growing plants for pollinators; they need help finding safe and bountiful food sources.

As we have over 800 species of bees in Canada that come in many shapes and tongue sizes, we need a diversity of plants to choose from to satisfy their needs, and those of their babies.

Butterflies are particularly picky when it comes to the plants they feed and lay their eggs on.

Many species of wasps, ants, beetles, flies and Ruby Throated Hummingbirds are important pollinators in Canada too and the flowers they love are so beautiful to plant in our gardens.

Besides growing the plants that pollinators need, especially native species, you can adapt the land you grow on to be more Bee Friendly.

### How to improve your farming and nursery practices to be more Bee Friendly:

1. Offer forage providing good nutrition for bees on at least 3-6% of your land or nursery location.
2. Plant for continuous blooms of different flowering plants throughout the growing season, especially in early spring and late autumn in temperate regions. Plant local native plants whenever possible.
3. Offer water for honeybees in pebble filled vessels so they won't drown, muddy spots for other bees to build nests with and rocks or flat stones for butterflies to perch on.
4. Provide a variety of nesting habitats including verges, hedgerows, natural brush and buffer strips.  
Allow places on your land to contain old logs, pithy stemmed stalks and undisturbed, unmulched dry sandy soil.
5. Practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM); reduce or eliminate chemical use, especially systemic pesticides.
6. Share your story with us!
7. [Donate](#) to support the program.

Sincerely,

Your local Bee Friendly Gardener

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