

## Recommended Low-Water Bee Plants

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Plant and approximate bloom period <sup>1</sup>	Sunset Zone <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Germander ( <i>Teucrium fruticans</i> )	N	4-24	X	X	X							X	X
Rosemary ( <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> )	N	4-24	X	X	X							X	X
Manzanita ( <i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.)*	N	7-9, 14-21	X	X									X
California poppy ( <i>Eschscholzia californica</i> )*	P	1-24	X	X	X	X							
Ceanothus ( <i>Ceanothus</i> spp.)*	P	5-9, 14-24	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Redbud ( <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> )* <sup>3</sup>	N	2-24		X									
Brandegee's sage ( <i>Salvia brandegeei</i> )	N	15-17, 19-24		X	X	X	X						
Lavender ( <i>Lavandula</i> spp.)	N	4-24		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Mallow ( <i>Malacothamnus</i> and <i>Sphaeralcea</i> spp.)*	NP	3, 7-24		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Catmint hybrids ( <i>Nepeta x faassenii</i> cultivars)	N	1-24		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Cape balsam ( <i>Bulbine frutescens</i> )	NP	8,9, 12-24		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Santa Barbara daisy ( <i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i> )	NP	8,9, 12-24		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Foothill penstemon ( <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> )*	N	7-24			X	X	X	X					
Sage 'Hot Lips' ( <i>Salvia microphylla</i> 'Hot Lips')	N	7-24			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Blanketflower ( <i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> )	NP	1-24			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Coffeeberry ( <i>Frangula californica</i> )*	P	3A-10, 14-24				X							
Toyon ( <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> )*	NP	5-9, 14-24					X						
Cleveland sage ( <i>Salvia clevelandii</i> )*	N	8,9, 12-24					X	X	X	X	X	X	
Wall germander ( <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> )	N	2-24					X	X	X	X	X		
California buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> )*	N	7-9, 14-24						X	X	X	X	X	
Gum plant ( <i>Grindelia camporum</i> )* <sup>4</sup>	NP	7,11,13,18-23						X	X	X	X	X	
Russian sage ( <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> )	N	2-24						X	X	X	X	X	
California fuchsia ( <i>Epilobium canum</i> )*	N	2-11, 14-24						X	X	X	X	X	X
Texas ranger ( <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> )	N	7-24							X	X	X	X	
Mexican sage ( <i>Salvia leucantha</i> )	N	12-24							X	X	X	X	X
Pacific aster ( <i>Symphotrichum chilense</i> )*	NP	1-24							X	X	X	X	X

\* = California native; <sup>1</sup>N=nectar source; P=pollen source; <sup>2</sup>[Sunset Growing Zone](#); <sup>3</sup>Foliage used by leafcutter bees as nesting material;

<sup>4</sup>Gummy sap a potential source of propolis

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