

Bed # 1

Flowering Herbs

Sage

Calendula

Genovese Basil

Thai Basil

Dill

Thyme

Lemon Verbena

Chamomile

Borage

Nasturtium

Bed # 2

Shades of Orange and Yellow

Marigolds – Variety/French/Annual, blooms all season. Attract honey bees

Sunflowers in different heights and varieties

Bed # 3

Shades of Blue (Purple)

Mexican Petunia – Variety/Blue, can be a perennial in our area with proper winter protection. Blooms from spring to early fall, Attracts butterflies

Anise Hyssops – Variety/Blue Fortune, smells like black licorice, blooms midsummer to early fall. Attracts butterflies and bees

Lavender – Varieties/Munstead, Blue River and Platinum Blonde. Munstead blooms in summer, Blue River mid-summer to fall and Platinum Blonde early summer. Attracts butterflies and honey bees.

Bed #4

Shades of Red and White

Lobelia – Variety Vulcan Red/Perennial, blooms summer and autumn. Attracts hummingbirds

Bee Balm – Variety Fireball/Perennial, blooms all summer. Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds

Wave Petunia – Variety White/Annual, blooms all season

Bed # 5

Shades of Yellow and Orange

Marigolds – Variety/French/Annual, blooms all season. Attract honey bees

Black Eyed Susan – Variety/Indian Summer, blooms summer until frost. Attracts butterflies

Coreopsis – Variety/Sunray and Rising Sun/Perennial, blooms all summer if spent blossoms are removed. Attracts butterflies

Firecracker Vine – Reseeding annual. 1 - 2" tubular flowers start out red, & fade to orange, yellow, & white, with all the colors showing at once progressing down the flower spikes. The flowers are high in nectar, & attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Bed # 6

Shades of Pink

Butterfly Bush – Variety/Pink/deciduous This plant will get very large and requires pruning to keep in a small garden. Attracts butterflies, bees and moths.

Geranium – Variety/Citrosa/annual with tiny pink flowers. It is said the citrus smell repels mosquitos.

Lantana – Variety Pink Caprice/annual in our area and blooms from spring to frost. Attracts butterflies.

Colors Attract?

Hummingbirds like brightly colored flowers in shades of yellow, orange, pink and purple. But, red is the favorite color!

Butterflies like colorful nectar producing flowers in shades of red, yellow, pink, orange and purple.

Bees are especially attracted to flowers in the yellow and blue color family. Bees can't see red like we can. They see into the ultraviolet part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which we can't see. Black is a warning sign and red looks black to bees! Bees can see pattern in color that again we don't see and this pattern leads them to the nectar.