

Bee Challenge II – Flowers

Become a super bee master and find out what flowers bees feed on. Then explore your garden or outdoor space to find some.

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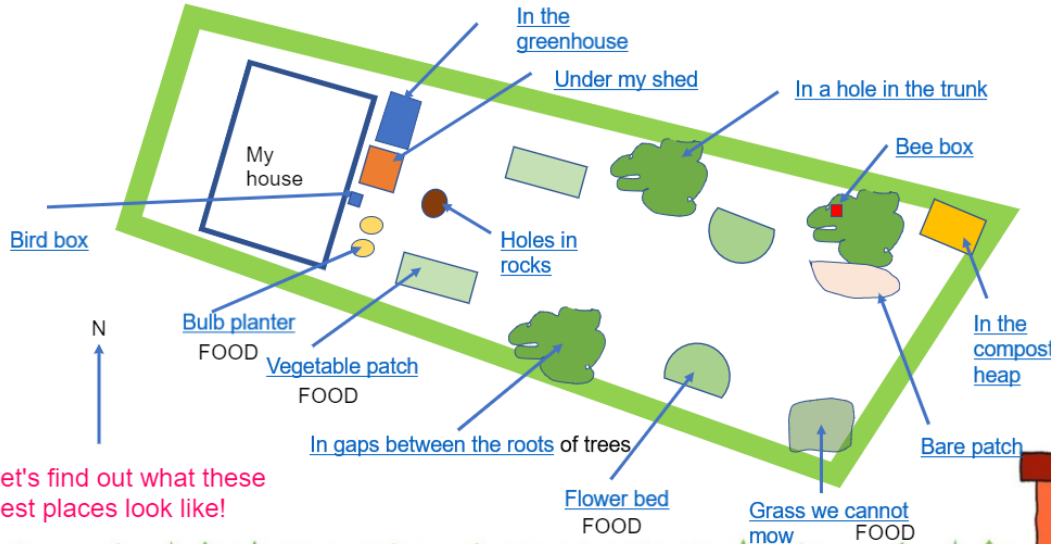
How to make a bee map

Bee garden challenge

Here is a map of my garden, showing you the main places where I thought a bee could nest or hide.



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Let's find out what these nest places look like!

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Remember our map from the previous bee challenge?

We looked for good nesting places and added them to our map.

Now we are going to look for places bees may visit flowers.

Your challenge

Sit out in your garden, mark on your map any sunny places. These will be good for growing flowers that help bees.

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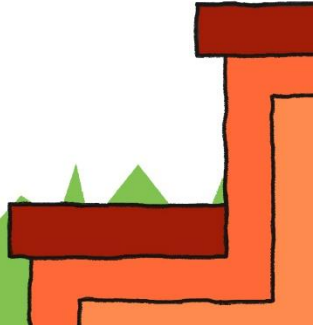
Which flowers are good for bees?

Where to look	Plant 1		Plant 2		Plant 3	
						
	Clover		Dandelion		Self heal	
Wild places						
	Ivy		Bramble		Elder	
Flower garden						
	Primrose		Lavender		Mahonia	

Total score /9

Your challenge

1. Can you do this plant hunt and see how many good plants for bees you can spot in your garden or outdoor space?
2. If you spot any tick them off and add them to your map.
3. Don't worry if you haven't found any, on the next page will tell you what you can plant for bees.



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What can you plant for bees?

Bees will be looking for flowers with lots of nectar for them to drink to give them energy. They will also need pollen for their bee babies. Bees are guided to these flowers by scent and the patterns on the flower.



Forget-me-not

These come out in early spring and also grow well in spots that are not sunny.



Marigolds

These flower in summer. They need lots of sun.



Snapdragons

These flower in summer too. Bumblebees disappear inside searching out nectar with their long tongues.



Nasturtiums

Flowering from summer through to autumn, bees can rely on finding nectar here.

Top tips for bee planting

- 1) Have a variety of different shaped flowers. Bees have different tongue-lengths and they won't be able to feed on all flowers.
- 2) Make sure that you have flowers in your garden that flower in spring, summer, autumn and winter. Don't let the bees go hungry!