



Strawberry



English lavender






















Tomato



Honeywort

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Pick a plant	Buy me as...	Plant me here...	I like a spot that's...	I flower around...	Bonus feature
Strawberry (<i>Fragaria sp.</i>)				May–June	My delicious fruits are the taste of summer – perfect in puddings, smoothies, or on their own!
English lavender (<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>)				July–September	Breathe in the lovely, relaxing scent of my flowers. If you use a pot, I like terracotta ones with drainage holes.
Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>)				June–August	Enjoy my fresh fruits straight from the vine. My 'bush' varieties are perfect for pots – and don't need staking.
Honeywort (<i>Cerinthe major</i>)				July–September	My big seeds are easy to grow. If you can, soak in water for a day before planting. In autumn, I'll drop more seeds to grow again next year!
Key  potted plant  seeds  ground  container  container or ground  sunny  partly shady					

Bumblebees need lots of flowers to feed on. Give them a helping hand by adding just one of these bumblebee favourites to your outdoor space in May. It doesn't matter whether you have a garden, a window box or just a flower pot.

Our top picks are all easy to look after, and great for beginner gardeners. Simply wait for them to flower later this year, then enjoy watching your local bumblebees feeding!

Top tips:

- Wait until frosty mornings have stopped before you plant anything outdoors, or start growing plants indoors instead.
- Read the instruction label on your new plant or seeds for the best way to look after them.
- Always try to choose **organic, pesticide-free** plants and seeds – these are best for bumblebees.

For more planting ideas, try our interactive Bee kind tool
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