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Pick a plant	Buy me as...	Plant me here...	I like a spot that's...	I flower around...	Bonus feature
<b>Allium</b> ( <i>Allium</i> species)				May–July	I bloom for weeks on end, providing <b>bumblebees with lots of food!</b> Choose from my many beautiful species and varieties. <b>⚠ Some potentially toxic if eaten.</b>
<b>Sweet pea</b> ( <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> )				June–September	My delicate fragrance is a <b>treat for the nose</b> . Sit outside and enjoy when I flower next year.
<b>Broad bean</b> ( <i>Vicia faba</i> )				April–June	Choose one of my hardy varieties for autumn sowing and I will give you an early crop of <b>delicious beans</b> in the spring.
<b>Raspberry</b> ( <i>Rubus idaeus</i> )				June–August (Some varieties only produce flowers and fruit in year 2.)	Eat my fruit fresh, freeze them for later, or make into <b>raspberry jam or smoothies!</b>
<b>Key</b>  bare root cane  bulb  seeds  ground  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 November.

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

If you live in a colder part of the UK, you may want to sow seeds in a tray on your windowsill, in a greenhouse, or under a cold frame to protect from frost, then plant the seedlings out in spring.

For more planting ideas, try our interactive Bee kind tool  
[beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org)

 Listen using 'Read Out Loud' in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

## Top tips:

- Read the instruction label on your new plant or seeds for the best way to look after them.
- Don't worry if your seeds grow a little then stop over winter. They will **start again in spring!**
- Always try to choose **organic, pesticide-free** plants and seeds – these are best for bumblebees.

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