



Chives



Sunflower






















Borage



Lacy phacelia

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Pick a plant	Buy me as...	Plant me here...	I like a spot that's...	I flower around...	Bonus feature
Chives (<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>)				May–July	I'm a tasty herb to add to your meals . When I fill my container, lift me out and separate my roots – now you have two plants for the price of one.
Sunflower (<i>Helianthus annuus</i>)				July–Sept	I'm easy to grow from seed – if you use a pot, make sure it's a big one! Hang up my seedheads in winter to feed the birds.
Borage (<i>Borago officinalis</i>)				May–Sept	After a bumblebee feeds on me, I can refill my nectar every few minutes – ready for the next guest! ⚠ Potentially harmful to animals if eaten.
Lacy phacelia (<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>) Pronounced 'fah-see-leea'				May–August	As I drop my seeds freely in the autumn, I'll come back next year to feed more bumblebees.
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 April. 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!

For more planting ideas, try our interactive Bee kind tool
beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org

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

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.

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