Tips for Improving Native Bee Habitat

Flowering Plants

- Mealy blue sage
- Bee balm
- Sunflower
- Basket flower

Maintain flowering plant communities - like meadows - to provide diverse and consistent blooms throughout the season.

Plant native flowering species that provide nectar and pollen for bees from April to August.

Nesting Materials

- Leave wooded areas intact – they provide nesting habitat for cavity-nesting bees.
- Encourage leafy growth - native bees often use leaves for nest construction.
- Leave areas of bare ground for ground-nesters to occupy.
- Keep the ground undisturbed to help the young survive the season to the next spring.


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