

PERENNIALS OF VALUE TO WILDLIFE

PLANT	TIMING	VALUE
Winter aconite Lemon yellow	Early spring	Pollen for bees, flies and other insects
Yellow alyssum Bright yellow	April-June	Nectar for orange-tip, small tortoiseshell, peacock and other butterflies
Oriental poppy Scarlet, pink, orange or white	May-June	Flowers attract bees
Comfrey Blue or purple	June-August	Moth and butterfly caterpillars eat the leaves. Flowers attract bees and insects
Chives Rose-pink flower heads	June-July	Flowers attract bees and butterflies
Fennel Gold-yellow	July-August	Flowers attract hoverflies, bees and wasps. Leaves eaten by caterpillars
Globe Thistle Globular blue flower heads	July-August	Nectar for bees. Seeds eaten by goldfinches and greenfinches
Phlox White, pink, red or purple	July-September	Nectar for butterflies and moths
Achillea Yellow clusters	Summer	Flowers attract hoverflies. Seeds eaten by sparrows, greenfinches and tits
Cranesbill Pink or mauve	Summer	Flowers attract bees. Seeds eaten by bullfinches
Mullein Yellow or pink spires	Summer	Mullein moth caterpillar eats leaves
Golden Rod Yellow	August-October	Nectar for butterflies, moths and other insects. Seeds eaten by birds
Ice Plant Pink or mauve	September-October	Nectar for butterflies and bumblebees
Michaelmas Daisy Mauve, crimson or pink	September-October	Nectar for small tortoiseshell and other butterflies

ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS OF VALUE TO WILDLIFE

PLANT	TIMING	VALUE
Flowering Currant (Ribes) Rose-red	Spring, autumn	Nectar for bees, berries
Mahonia Yellow	Spring	Nectar for bees and insects. Berries of <i>M. aquifolium</i> eaten by birds
Japanese quince Red, pink or white	Spring, autumn	Attracts bees and butterflies. Fallen fruit eaten by blackbirds and thrushes
Firethorn (Pyracantha) White	Summer, autumn/winter	Attracts insects. Berries eaten by birds
Buddleia Maue and purple	Summer	Nectar for butterflies including peacocks, small tortoiseshells, red admirals, bees
Hebe Maue, pink or white	Summer/autumn	Attracts butterflies
Lavender Maue/purple	Summer. Autumn/winter	Nectar for butterflies and bees. Birds eat seeds
Rosemary Lilac	Summer	Attracts bees, butterflies and hoverflies
Thyme Lilac or pink	Summer	Attracts bees and butterflies
Cotoneaster White	Autumn/winter	Birds eat the berries. Bush varieties make good nesting sites
Berberis Various	Autumn/winter	Birds eat the berries. Spiky leaves protect nesting birds
Viburnum	Winter	Flowers provide nectar for early insects