



Nectar Plants of British Columbia

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Legend: * - major nectar producer
C - cultivated, ornamental or introduced
H, S, T - herbaceous, shrub, tree

Month	Plant Name	*	C	Growth			Climatic Region		
				H/S/T	Coast	S. Int.	N. Int.		
Mar - Apr	Winter Heather		c	h	s		x		
	Lily of the Valley		c		s		x		
	Indian Plum				s		x		
	Boxwood		c		s		x		
	Vine Maple				s	t		x	
Mar - May	Chickweed			h			x		
	Willow	*			s	t	x	x	
Apr - May	Mtn. Laurel (Kalmia)			h	s		x		
	Bitter Cherry				s	t	x		
	Salmonberry				s		x		
	Sea Blush			h			x		
	Swamp Gooseberry			h	s		x		
	Manzanita				s		x		
	Big Leaf Maple	*				t	x		
	Prunus - Cherries	*	c			t	x	x	
	- Apricots	*	c			t		x	
	- Peach	*	c			t		x	
	- Plums	*	c			t	x	x	
	Oregon Grape					s		x	x
	Pears	*	c			t		x	x
	Apples	*	c			t		x	x
Arbutus	*				t		x		
Apr - Jun	Dandelion	*		h			x	x	x
	Saskatoons				s			x	x
May	Blueberry	*	c		s		x		
	Cascara					t	x		
	Red Currant	*	c		s		x	x	x
	Thimbleberry				s		x		
	Bearberry (Kinnickinnick)			h			x		
	Holly		c			t	x		
	Cotoneaster		c		s		x		
	Laurel		c		s		x		
	Hawthorne		c			t	x		
	May - Jun	Trailing Blackberry			h	s		x	
Chokecherry					s			x	x

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	Horse Chestnut		c	t		x	
	Carragana		c	s			x
	Labrador Tea			h s	x		x
	Huckleberry			s	x		x
May - Jul	Buckbrush			s		x	x
	Crab Apple		c	t	x	x	x
	Squaw Currant			s		x	
Jun - Jul	Black Locust		c	t	x	x	
	Honey Locust		c	t	x	x	
	Acacia		c	t	x	x	
	Raspberry	*	c	s	x	x	
	Russian Olive		c	s t			x
	Sumac			s t	x	x	
	Basswood (Linden)	*	c	t	x	x	
	Catalpa		c	t	x		
	Salal	*		s	x		
	Vetch	*		h		x	x
	Milkweed			h		x	
	Catnip			h		x	
	Blackberry	*		s	x		
	Snowberry	*		s	x	x	
	Canada Thistle	*		h	x	x	x
	Indian Paintbrush			h		x	x
Jun - Aug	Sweet Clover	*	c	h		x	x
	Canola	*	c	h			x
	White Dutch Clover	*	c	h	x	x	
	Sow Thistle	*		h	x	x	x
Jun - Sep	Spreading Dogbane	*		h	x	x	
	Alfalfa	*	c	h		x	x
	Wild Mustard			h	x	x	x
Jul	Ocean Spray			s	x		
	Aparagus		c	h	x	x	
	Cleome			h	x	x	
Jul - Aug	Borage		c	h	x	x	x
	Knapweed	*		h		x	
	Alsike Clover	*	c	h		x	x
	Fall Dandelion			h	x	x	
	Pumpkin & Squash		c	h	x	x	x
	Red Clover	*	c	h			x
	Birdsfoot Trefoil		c	h	x	x	
	Parsnip		c	h	x	x	
	Mint		c	h	x	x	
	Fireweed	*		h	x	x	x
	Smartweed			h	x		

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Aug	Mtn. Heather			h		x	
	Wild Radish			h		x	x
Aug - Sep	Purple Loosestrife			h		x	
	Pearly Everlasting			h		x	x
	Goldenrod			h		x	x
	Butterfly Bush			s		x	
	Fall Aster			h		x	x
Sep	Japanese Knotweed			s		x	
	Aurelia		c	s t		x	
	Rabbitbush			s			x
Sep - Oct	Michaelmas Daisy		c	h		x	x
	Broccoli, cauliflower		c	h		x	x