

Honeybee Preferred Plants in Michigan Gardens  
for Marquette and Alger Counties

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom Color	Bloom Period
Borage	<i>Borago officinalis</i>	blue	early
Siberian Squill	<i>Scilla siberica</i>	blue	early
Tansy Phacelia	<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	purple	early
Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium spp.</i>	blue	mid
Russian Sage	<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	blue	mid
Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>	white or pink	mid
Catmint	<i>Nepeta spp.</i>	white or blue	mid
Oregano	<i>Origanum spp.</i>	pink	mid
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	purple	mid
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>	range	mid
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops ritro</i>	blue	mid/late
Lavender	<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	purple	mid/late
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	yellow	late