

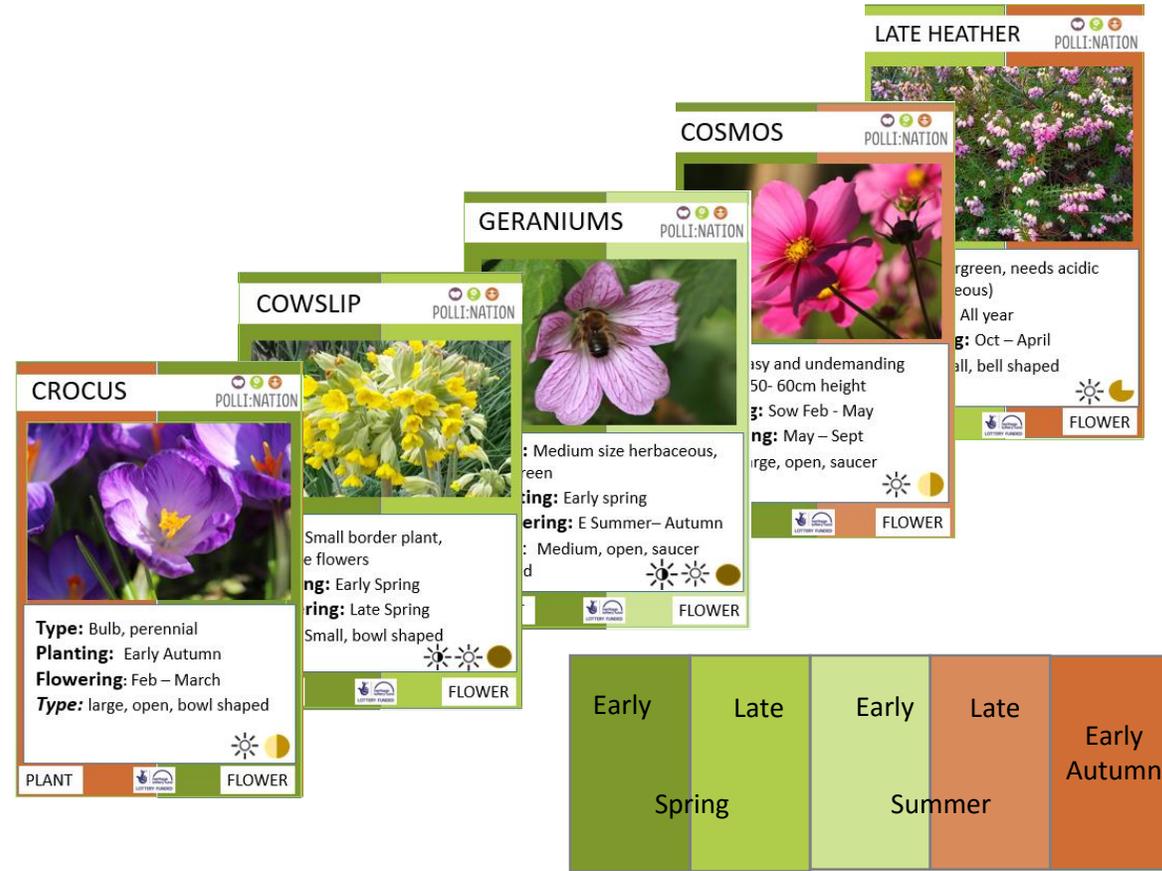
Plants for Pollinators Flash Cards

Suitable for: Teachers and Pupils

How to Use: All of the plants selected here are recommended plants for pollinators. These plants fall in to the general categories of BULBS, BORDERS, PLANTERS, POTS & CLIMBERS.

Each card shows a different type of plant, when it needs to be planted and when it will flower.

Use this information to plan how you will have flowers in your school grounds from February – late September.



CROCUS
 Type: Bulb, perennial
 Planting: Early Autumn
 Flowering: Feb – March
 Type: large, open, bowl shaped

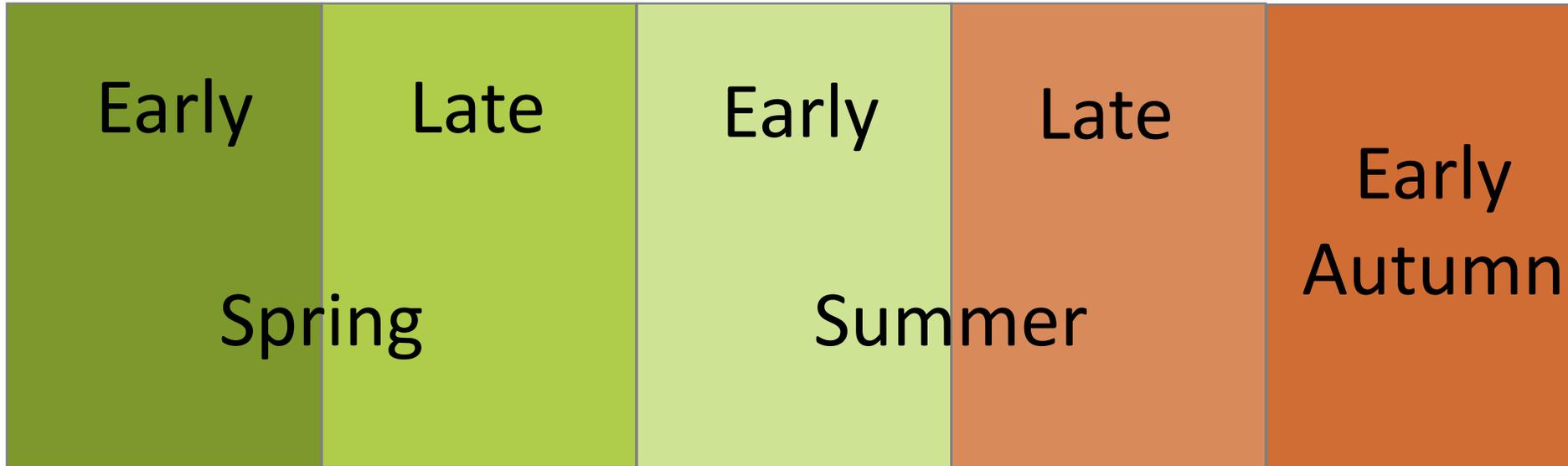
COWSLIP
 Small border plant, yellow flowers
 Flowering: Early Spring
 Type: Small, bowl shaped

GERANIUMS
 Medium size herbaceous, green
 Flowering: Early spring
 Type: Medium, open, saucer shaped

COSMOS
 Easy and undemanding 50- 60cm height
 Flowering: Sow Feb - May
 Type: large, open, saucer

LATE HEATHER
 Evergreen, needs acidic soil (acidic)
 Flowering: All year
 Type: Oct – April
 Shape: bell, bell shaped

Timeline:
 Spring (Early, Late) | Summer (Early, Late) | Early Autumn



THE AIM: To choose plants for your school grounds that will mean you have flowers from Early Spring to Early Autumn

Select a number of plants from your Plants for Pollinators pack for each part of the year. Use the colours to help you.

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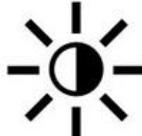
1. Can you write a calendar of when you would need to plant these plants?

Our many different pollinators like different types of flowers too...

2. Select plants for each part of the year that have large, medium and small flowers.

3. Use the RHS website (www.rhs.org.uk) to research your selected plants and how much it would cost to buy all of them.

Planting Position

Full sun	
Partial sun/ shade	
Shade	

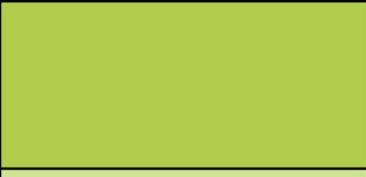
Soil Type

No special requirements	
Acidic Soil Ericaceous plants	
Well Drained (add sand/fine grit)	

Key to Plant Species Cards

Planting Time

– Left Side of card

Early Spring	
Late Spring	
Summer	
Late Summer	
Autumn	

Flowering Time

– Right Side of card

Early Spring	
Late Spring	
Summer	
Late Summer	
Autumn	

Plants for Pollinators - BEDS, POTS, BORDERS

UMBELLIFERS



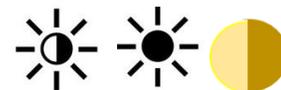
Type: Small – Large herbaceous
Wild carrot, cow parsley, yarrow
Planting: Spring - Summer
Flowering: May – Sept
Type: Small, flat, numerous



WOUNDWORT



Type: Herbaceous, Shade
Planting: Early spring
Flowering: May – July
Type: Small, tubular, long lasting



LUNGWORT



Type: Herbaceous, shade
Planting: All year
Flowering: Early spring
Type: Medium, numerous, bell shaped



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NICOTIANA



Type: Medium, fragrant

Planting: Sow early spring

Flowering: Spring – Summer

Type: Medium, flat, numerous, long lasting



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COSMOS



Type: Easy and undemanding annuals 50- 60cm height

Planting: Sow Feb - May

Flowering: May – Sept

Type: Large, open, saucer shaped



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LOOSE STRIFE



Type: Tall, yellow/purple/wand, herbaceous

Planting: Spring

Flowering: June – Sept

Type: Medium, open, bowl shaped



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EVENING PRIMROSE

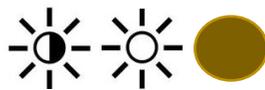


Type: Tall border plant

Planting: Late spring

Flowering: June - September

Type: Large, open, bowl shaped



NASTURTIUM



Type: Small border plant, good ground cover

Planting: May-June

Flowering: Summer

Type: Medium, open, saucer shaped



GERANIUM

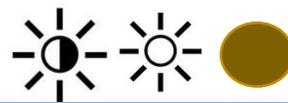


Type: Medium size herbaceous, evergreen

Planting: Early spring

Flowering: E Summer– Autumn

Type: Medium, open, saucer shaped



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COWSLIP



Type: Small border plant,
multiple flowers

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: Late Spring

Type: Small, bowl shaped



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BUGLE

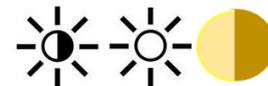


Type: Small, will spread quickly,
shade

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: March – June

Type: Small, tubular, high in
nectar



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FORGET-ME-NOT



Type: Self seeding

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: May – June

Type: Small, flat, numerous



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MALLOW



Type: Medium to large, herbaceous, tall

Planting: Spring - Autumn

Flowering: June – Sept

Type: Medium, open, bowl shaped



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COMFREY

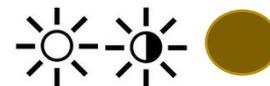


Type: Herbaceous, large,

Planting: Indoors - Autumn
outdoors - Spring

Flowering: Spring – Summer

Type: Large, funnel shaped



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FLOWER

BORAGE



Type: Annual, large, multiple flowers

Planting: Spring

Flowering: Summer

Type: Medium, open, drooping saucer shaped



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Plants for Pollinators BEDS, POTS, BORDERS

ASTER



Type: Many varieties flowering throughout the year

Planting: April-June

Flowering: May – Oct

Type: Small – Medium, flat



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FOXGLOVE



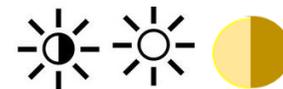
Type: Tall, biannual

Planting: April - July

Flowering: May – July

Alternative years (biennial)

Type: Large, tubular



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VIPERS BUGLOSS

“Blue Bedders”



Type: Annual, tall, well drained

Planting: March – April

Flowering: May – Sept

Type: Medium, trumpet, shaped



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Plants for Pollinators - HERBS

LAVENDER



Type: Herb, evergreen, fragrant
Preferably English
Planting: All year round
Flowering: May- September
Type: Small, numerous



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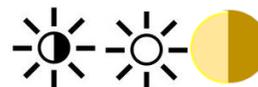


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THYME



Type: Herb, small, fragrant
Planting: Spring
Flowering: Summer
Type: Small, numerous



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ROSEMARY



Type: Herb, evergreen, bushy
Planting: Early spring
Flowering: Late spring
Type: Medium, funnel shaped



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Plants for Pollinators - HERBS & OTHERS

CHIVE



Type: Herb, evergreen, edible

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: May – July

Type: Medium, open, edible



VERBENA



Type: Tall, self seeding, well drained soil required.

Planting: Spring /late summer

Flowering: June – Sept

Type: Small, flat, numerous



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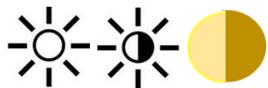


Type: Herb, herbaceous

Planting: Seed late Winter indoors.

Flowering: June – Sept

Type: Small, numerous



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Plants for Pollinators - BULBS

CROCUS



Type: Bulb, perennial
Planting: Early Autumn
Flowering: Feb – March
Type: large, open, bowl shaped



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HYACINTHUS



Type: Bulb, perennial
Planting: Autumn
Flowering: March – April
Type: Medium, numerous



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HEBE



Type: Shrub, medium - large
Planting: Anytime
Flowering: Spring/late Summer
Type: Small numerous



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Plants for Pollinators - BULBS

ALLIUM



Type: Bulb, some edible

Planting: Autumn/Spring

Flowering: June – August

Type: Large flower head, lots of small flowers



DAFFODIL



Type: Bulb, perennial

Only single flowered variety.

Planting: Sept - Oct

Flowering: Early Spring

Type: Medium, bowl shaped



BLUEBELL



Type: Bulb, perennial

Planting: Autumn / Spring

Flowering: Early Spring

Type: Medium, bell shaped



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Plants for Pollinators - CLIMBERS

JASMINE

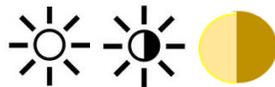


Type: Climber, fast growing

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: June – August

Type: Medium, open, numerous, trumpet shaped



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MORNING GLORY

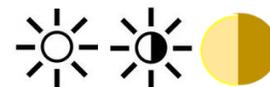


Type: Climber

Planting: Late Spring

Flowering: July – September

Type: Large, open, numerous, trumpet shaped



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IVY

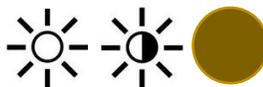


Type: Climber

Planting: Anytime

Flowering: September

Type: Medium, open, numerous



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Plants for Pollinators - CLIMBERS

HOP



Type: Climber (can grow up to 5 metres!)

Planting: Early Spring

Flowering: August – Sept

Type: Large, conical, numerous



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HONEYSUCKLE



Type: Climber, fragrant

Planting: Spring - Summer

Flowering: May – Sept

Type: Medium, tubular



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CLEMATIS



Type: Climber, fragrant

Planting: Autumn - Spring

Flowering: Spring – Summer

Type: Large, open, numerous



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Plants for Pollinators - BORDERS, BEDS, POTS

EARLY HEATHER



Type: Evergreen, needs acidic soil (ericaceous)

Planting: All year

Flowering: Jan – May

Type: Small, bell shaped, numerous



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LATE HEATHER



Type: Evergreen, needs acidic soil (ericaceous)

Planting: All year

Flowering: Oct – April

Type: Small, bell shaped



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SEDUM



Type: Herbaceous, evergreen

Planting: June - July

Flowering: Sept - Oct

Type: Small, open, numerous



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