

## Bee garden shade plants for the Sacramento region

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This is a suggested list of bee garden plants for the Sacramento area that will grow in shade. Examples of these and other shade garden bee plants can be seen at the Haven. Bloom times are approximate and will vary depending on weather conditions.

Plant	Plant family	Bloom time	Growing conditions	Flower shape and color
Baby blue eyes <i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Waterleaf (Hydrophyllaceae)	February	Annual wildflower; sow seeds in fall	Medium, flat Blue
Chinese houses <i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	February	Annual wildflower; sow seeds in fall	Large, tubular Purple and white
Evergreen currant <i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Gooseberry (Grossulariaceae)	Late January to February	Moderate shade; will burn in full sun	Small, tubular Burgundy
Golden currant <i>Ribes aureum gracillimum</i>	Gooseberry (Grossulariaceae)	February and March	Full sun to moderate shade	Small, tubular Yellow
Wax currant <i>Ribes cereum</i>	Gooseberry (Grossulariaceae)	February and March	Full sun to moderate shade	Small, tubular Pink
Compact Oregon grape <i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	Barberry (Berberidaceae)	March	Full sun to dense shade	Small, tubular Yellow
Hummingbird sage <i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Mint (Lamiaceae)	Intermittent from March to frost	Full sun to moderate shade	Large, tubular Pink
Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> spp.	Saxifrage (Saxifragaceae)	March and April	Moderate to dense shade; will burn in full sun	Small, tubular Pink or white
Douglas iris <i>Iris douglasii</i>	Iris (Iridaceae)	March and April	Moderate shade	Large, flat Purple
Ceanothus <i>Ceanothus</i> spp.	Buckthorn (Rhamnaceae)	'Valley Violet': January to March; full sun to light shade 'Ray Hartman': February to April; full sun to moderate shade 'Centennial': April; full sun to moderate shade 'Skylark': May and June; full sun to moderate shade		Small, tubular Purple
Snowberry <i>(Symphoricarpos alba laevigatus)</i>	Honeysuckle (Caprifoliaceae)	July and August	Moderate to dense shade	Small, tubular Pink
California goldenrod <i>Solidago californica</i>	Sunflower (Asteraceae)	June to frost	Full sun to moderate shade	Small, tubular Yellow
California fuchsia <i>Epilobium canum</i>	Evening primrose (Onagraceae)	July to frost	Full sun to moderate shade	Large, tubular Most are red to orange