

Nectar Rich Mixtures

Bumblebee Conservation Trust supporting wild pollinators on your land



Bumblebees and solitary bees are very important pollinators of both commercial agricultural crops and wild flowers. Many UK species have declined in recent years due to habitat loss. Bumblebees rely on flower rich habitats from March to September to provide essential nectar resources for colony growth. They also require undisturbed tussocky grassland for nesting.

There are a number of ways these habitats can be provided on arable and livestock farms, including planting pollen and nectar margins or wildflower buffer strips and implementing a more sensitive management regime; no/very light application of farm-yard manure, no chemical fertilizers, taking a late hay cut (Mid-July to August) allowing wildflowers to set seed and adopting a sensitive grazing regime.

Details on how you may improve your land for bumblebees and other pollinators can be found in our series of land management fact sheets: www.bumblebeeconservation.org/get-involved. We can also offer tailored advice in our target areas. Please contact advice@bumblebeeconservation.org.

NECTAR RICH MIXTURES

Pollen & Nectar with Grass

- 10% Meadow Fescue
- 10% Tall Oat Grass
- 10% Cocksfoot
- 10% Timothy
- 10% Tall Fescue
- 10% Sainfoin
- 8% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 6% Alsike Clover
- 6% Winter Vetch
- 5% Creeping Red Fescue
- 5% Hard Fescue
- 5% Red Clover
- 4% Yellow Trefoil
- 0.5% Black Knapweed (N)
- 0.25% Musk Mallow
- 0.25% Ox-eye Daisy (N)

100%

Sowing rate 20kg/ha

Pack size 10kg

Annual Nectar Mixture

- 25% Buckwheat
- 22% Sainfoin
- 20% Phacelia
- 10% Crimson Clover
- 10% Lucerne (inoculated)
- 8% Red Clover
- 5% Alsike Clover

100%

Sowing rate 10kg /ha

Pack size 5kg

Nectar Rich Bronze

- 50% Sainfoin
- 18% Winter Vetch
- 10.5% Alsike Clover
- 10% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 8.5% Red Clover
- 3% Lucerne (inoculated)

100%

Sowing rate 10 - 15kg/ha

Pack size 12kg

Nectar Rich Gold (AB1)

- 40% Sainfoin
- 17% Winter Vetch
- 11% Alsike Clover
- 10% Red Clover
- 10% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 10% Lucerne (inoculated)
- 1.5% Black Knapweed (N)
- 0.5% Musk Mallow

100%

Sowing rate 10 - 15kg /ha

Pack size 12kg

Butterfly & Bumblebee Mixture

- 15% Creeping Red Fescue
- 15% Hard Fescue
- 10% Sheeps Fescue
- 10% Browntop Bent
- 9% SSMG
- 6% Lucerne (inoculated)
- 5% Rough Stalked Meadow Grass
- 5% Yorkshire Fog
- 4% Kidney Vetch (N)
- 3% Tufted Hair Grass
- 3% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 2% Agrimony (N)
- 2% Winter Vetch
- 2% Ribwort Plantain
- 2% Sheeps Sorrel
- 2% Red Clover
- 1% Alsike Clover
- 1% Phacelia
- 1% Field Pansy (N)
- 0.75% Devils Bit Scabious (N)
- 0.5% Musk Mallow
- 0.5% Ox-eye Daisy (N)
- 0.25% Betony (N)

100%

Sowing rate 16kg/ha

Pack size 1kg

(N) = Native Seed

DLF Seeds Ltd. is a leading supplier of native provenance wild flowers.

We liaise with selected producers and growers to ensure our seed is sourced to the highest possible standard.

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- 42% Sainfoin
- 11% Red Clover
- 10% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 7% Winter Vetch
- 6% Yarrow
- 5% Lucerne (inoculated)
- 4% Alsike Clover
- 4% Black Medick
- 2% Ox-eye Daisy (N)
- 2% Meadow Buttercup (N)
- 1.5% Black Knapweed (N)
- 1% Red Campion (N)
- 1% Musk Mallow
- 1% Wild Carrot (N)
- 1% Lady's Bedstraw (N)
- 0.5% Field Poppy (N)
- 0.5% Selfheal (N)
- 0.25% Salad Burnet
- 0.25% Suckling Clover (N)

100%

Sowing rate 5 - 10kg/ha

Pack size 1kg

Flower Rich Margin Mixture (AB8)

- 25% Slender Red Fescue
- 15% Hard Fescue
- 12% Chewings Fescue
- 10% SSMG
- 10% Crested Dogtail
- 5% Smaller Cats Tail
- 3% Sainfoin
- 3% Winter Vetch
- 2.5% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 2.5% Black Medick
- 2% Red Clover
- 1% Black Knapweed (N)
- 1% Oxeye Daisy (N)
- 1% Ribwort Plantain
- 1% Yarrow
- 1% Wild Carrot (N)
- 0.5% Sheeps Sorrel
- 0.5% Meadow Buttercup (N)
- 0.5% Lady's Bedstraw (N)
- 0.25% Self Heal (N)
- 0.25% Yellow Rattle (N)

100%

Sowing rate 20kg/ha

Pack size 10kg & 20kg

Legume Fallow Mixture (AB15)

- Two Year**
- 33% Inter Perennial Ryegrass
- 33% Late Perennial Ryegrass
- 15% Red Clover
- 10% Winter Vetch
- 7% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 2% Black Knapweed (N)

100%

Sowing rate 30 - 40kg/ha

Pack size 20kg

SOLAR MIXTURES

Our range of Solar Mixtures will cater for most situations. We are always pleased to advise. Please call for more information.

Solar Mixture
Low Maintenance Grass

Solar Mixture
Pollen & Nectar

Solar Mixture
Floristically Enhanced
(Native)

NATIVE WILDFLOWER MIXTURES

Our range of Pro Flora Wild Flower mixtures will cater for most situations. We are always pleased to advise upon and produce mixtures to suit individual specifications.

- 1 Cornfield Annuals (N)
- 2 Acid Soils (N)
- 3 Damp Loamy Soils (N)
- 4 Calcareous Soils (N)
- 5 Wet Loamy Soils (N)
- 6 Dry Loamy Soils (N)
- 7 Hedgerow & Light Shade (N)
- 8 Legacy Country Meadow (N)
- 9 Heritage General Purpose (N)
- 10 General Purpose (N)
- 11 Woodland & Heavy Shade (N)
- 12 Water Margin & Pond Edges (N)
- 110 General Purpose Economy (N)

Pack size 1kg

ORGANIC MIXTURE

- Organic Nectar Flower Mixture**
- 32.5% Organic Early English Winter Vetch
- 27.5% Organic Lucerne (inoculated)
- 18% Sainfoin
- 10% Organic Red Clover
- 6% Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 6% Alsike Clover

100%

Sowing rate 10 - 15kg/ha

Pack size 10kg