

# Plants to attract native bees in South East Queensland

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## Native plants

- *Melaleucas*, especially *M. linariifolia*
- *Kunzeas*
- *Leptospermums*
- *Callistemons*
- *Eucalypts*
- *Dianellas*
- *Plectranthus* (now *Coleus*)
- *Syzygiums*
- *Hibbertias*
- *Westringias*
- *Native daisies* – *Brachyscome* species and *Xerochrysum bracteatum*
- Yellow pea flowers such as *Pultanaea* and *Dillwynia*
- Purple pea flowers such as *Hovea* and *Hardenbergia*
- *Tibouchinas*

## Exotic plants

- *Salvias*, especially deep blue ones such as:
  - ‘Indigo Spires’
  - ‘Mystic Spires’
  - ‘Anthony Parker’
- *Lavenders*, especially French
- *Grewia occidentalis*
- Perennial basil
- Crepe myrtle (*Lagerstroemia*)
- *Rondeletia*
- African daisies (*Osteospermum*)
- *Dichorisandra* (also known as Purple Ginger) – loved by *Amegilla* (blue-banded and teddy bear bees) and *Xylocopa Koptortosoma* (great carpenter bees) species. You can hear them buzz pollinating on this plant.
- Plants in the *Solanum* family such as:
  - tomato
  - chilli
  - eggplant
  - capsicum
- Anise hyssop (herb)
- Motherwort (herb)
- *Buddleia*
- Pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajun*)