



# GROWING BEE MIXTURE

*A colourful and diverse mixture of Borage, Buckwheat, Calendula, Crimson Clover, Cornflower, Dill, Coriander and Phacelia designed with bees and other beneficial insects in mind. Grown as a green manure or perfect to fill any garden gaps, you'll rejoice at the colourful riot of flowering plants amongst your edibles.*

## Seed Sowing

Broadcast the seed in May - July onto well prepared soil. Rake in gently just to cover the seeds. Alternatively you can direct sow thinly in drills 30cm apart, allowing you to weed in between the rows.

To ensure bees and other pollinators have an abundant source of nectar and pollen throughout summer do a number of staggered sowings to maximise flowering time.

## Transplanting

Bee Mixture works best if direct sown.

## Plant Care

Keep the area weed-free and watered during hot spells. You can mulch around the plants to keep in moisture and prevent weeds. Deadhead to prolong flowering. Some of the taller growing plants in the mix may need support, especially in windy growing conditions.

## Challenges

Having a dense mix of plants can create the perfect habitat for slugs and snails. If there isn't enough ventilation between the plants you may also have problems with downy or powdery mildew so make sure to give plants enough space and keep weed free to reduce overcrowding.

## Harvest

Ideally this mixture will be grown for bees and other beneficial insect, meaning it isn't harvested and left

for those creatures to forage. If you do want to bring some of the blooms indoors to enjoy, ideally harvest the flowers in the morning when temperatures are low and plant water content is high. Plants will arrange better if left to sit in water for a few hours after cutting

## Culinary Ideas And Uses

All flowers in this mixture apart from Phacelia are edible and make a delightful addition to salads, desserts or ice cubes with their pops of colour and delicate forms.