Food for pollinators on the farm

Pollinators need flowers to feed on from spring through to autumn

Native trees & shrubs – allow hedgerows to flower
- Willow
- Blackthorn
- Whitethorn/Hawthorn
- Wild cherry
- Crab apple
- Rowan
- Spindle
- Bramble
- Wild roses
- Ivy

Native wildflowers – allow to grow in non-farmed areas
- Dandelion
- Dead nettles
- Hogweed
- Vetches
- Oxeye Daisy
- Selfheal
- Bird’s-foot-trefoil
- Clover
- Devil’s-Bit-Scabious
- Knapweed

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Things you might be planting that will also benefit pollinators:

- **Chicory** - Species-rich swards
- **Bird’s-foot-trefoil** - Catch crop
- **Phacelia** - Catch crop
- **Buckwheat** - Catch crop
- **Clover** - Fixes N
- **Sainfoin** - Species-rich swards

**Fruit, vegetables & herbs** e.g. Apples, Plums, Raspberries, Currants, Peas, Beans, Courgettes, Tomatoes, Chives, Rosemary, Thyme.

Where do wild pollinators live on the farm?

- **Bumblebees** - long grass
- **Mining solitary bees** - bare soil
- **Cavity nesting solitary bees** - existing holes

Our pollinating insects are in decline. One third of our 99 bee species are at risk of extinction. You can help by making sure your farm provides much needed food. To learn more about the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, see [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)