

Make Bees Happy by Growing Cannabis

For those looking for that perfect pollinator plant to grow, look no further than hemp. While *Cannabis sativa* (industrial hemp) lacks the nectar that bees typically collect, a study published in the journal *Environmental Entomology* found that the pollen produced by male plants was able to attract up to 16 different bee species.

Because of its temporally unique flowering phenology (the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena), hemp has the potential to provide a critical nutritional resource to a diverse community of bees during a period of floral scarcity and thereby may help to sustain agroecosystem-wide pollination services for other crops in the landscape."

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Taller hemp plants were more successful than the shortest plants in attracting bees, drawing in 17 times more of the insects. This is likely due to the increased pollen production of taller plants and their increased visibility.

Recommended: *How to Eliminate IBS, IBD, Leaky Gut*

Sources:

- *Bees Absolutely Love Cannabis and It Could Help Restore Their Populations* – Vegnum
- *Environmental Entomology Study Confirms Bees Love Hemp* – PSNet