

NDB Plants List

Plants are typically selected from this list for the NDB Practical Examination. However, this list is provided as a guide only; any plant useful or significant to bees could be included. It should be noted that the botany section of the NDB exam is not concerned exclusively with plant identification; aspects of pollen morphology, nectar presentation, preferred habitat and particular special features may also feature.

Papaveraceae	Poppy (<i>Papaver spp</i>)
Ranunculaceae	Wild clematis (<i>Clematis vitalba</i>)
Grossulariaceae	Black and Red currants (<i>Ribes nigra</i> and <i>R. rubra</i>), Gooseberry (<i>R. uva-crispa</i>)
Fabaceae	Field bean (<i>Vicia faba</i>), Red & White clover (<i>Trifolium pratense</i> & <i>T. repens</i>), Sainfoin (<i>Onobrychis viciifolia</i>), Bird's-foot trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>)
Rosaceae	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus spp</i>), Cherry (<i>Prunus spp</i>), Apple (<i>Malus pumila</i>), Blackberry (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>), Cherry laurel (<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>), Cotoneaster <i>spp</i> , Raspberry (<i>Rubus idaeus</i>)
Salicaceae	Willows (<i>Salix spp</i>)
Lythraceae	Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)
Onagraceae	Rosebay willowherb (<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>)
Sapindaceae	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>), Maple (<i>Acer spp</i>), Sycamore (<i>A. pseudoplatanus</i>)
Malvaceae	Lime (<i>Tilia spp</i>)
Brassicaceae	Oilseed rape (<i>Brassica napus</i>)
Plumbaginaceae	Sea lavender (<i>Limonium vulgare</i>)
Balsaminaceae	Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>)
Ericaceae	Heather & Heaths (<i>Calluna</i> & <i>Erica spp.</i>) Rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>)
Boraginaceae	Borage (<i>Borago officinalis</i>), Forget-me-not (<i>Myosotis spp</i>), Vipers Bugloss (<i>Echium vulgare</i>), Phacelia (<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>)
Oleaceae	Privet (<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>)
Lamiaceae	Thyme (<i>Thymus spp</i>), Mint (<i>Mentha spp</i>), Lavender (<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>), Rosemary (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>)
Aquifoliaceae	Holly (<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>)
Asteraceae	Dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>), Ragwort (<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>), Sunflower (<i>Helianthus spp</i>); Knapweed (<i>Centaurea nigra</i>), Sea aster (<i>Aster tripolium</i>)
Araliaceae	Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>)
Apiaceae	Carrot (<i>Daucus carota</i>)
Iridaceae	<i>Crocus spp</i>
Amaryllidaceae	Chives (<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>), Snowdrop (<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>)
Asparagaceae	Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>), Asparagus (<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>)