Spring flowers...for beauty & the bees!

Did you know that queen bumblebees hibernate underground all winter? Bumblebees emerging from hibernation need a snack right away! Early spring flowers provide the nutrients they need for their colony!

Don’t forget about the flies, gnats, and mining bees! These flyers need pollen and nectar from spring flowers too! Many mining bee species will only eat from specific flowers like trout lillies!

Dutchman’s breeches
Virginia bluebells
Jack-in-the pulpit
Wood anemone
Trillium
Columbine
Hepatica

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How many signs of spring can you spot?

Use your sight!
blossoms
Woolly bear
caterpillar
ladybug

Use your ears!
chirping birds
water drops
buzzing bee

Use your touch!
wet soil
leaves or flowers
tree sap

Can you find these flowers on your nature walk?

Spotted geranium
Phlox
Solomons seal
Bloodroot
White trout lily

Blossoming trees are another important source of nectar and pollen!