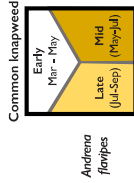
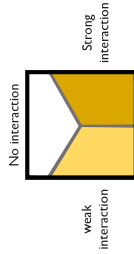


HABITAT CREATION and MANAGEMENT for POLLINATORS

A CALENDAR OF FLOWER RESOURCES FOR BEES

The chart summarises detailed observations of bees and the flowers they visit in a range of typical farmland habitats. A total of 78 flowering plants were visited by 39 common bee species. These comprised 11 plant species found in hedgerows, 36 commercially available wildflower species and 31 other flowering plants commonly found on farmland.

For each bee species visiting a plant the three divisions of the square indicate three recording periods – early, mid and late season. The intensity of colour for each division indicates the number of visits recorded in that period – the strength of the bee-plant interaction.



Some bee species may use a plant over more than one recording period. This may be because they have two broods in a year, (*Andrena flavipes*) or have several broods of workers (*Bombus lapidarius*).

Early – 29 March to 15 May

Middle – 16 May to 4 July

Late – 5 July to 22 August

