



bee-friendliness rating

Gift to Nature's Guide to Bee-Friendly Plants



common name

Red Clover

botanical name

Trifolium pratense

family

Fabaceae

origin

Europe including Britain

red clover, white clover, and bird's-foot trefoil



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| type of plant: |
| tree |
| climber |
| shrub |
| herbaceous perennial |
| biennial |
| annual |

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| height range: |
| < 0.5 m |
| 0.5-1 m |
| 1-2 m |
| 2-5 m |
| 5-10 m |
| > 10 m |

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| suitable soil types: |
| chalk |
| sand |
| clay |
| well-drained |
| damp |
| wet |

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| suitable aspects: |
| sunny |
| semi-shade |
| shade |

| Months in flower | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Months in leaf | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |

Edible plant? Leaves and most other parts are edible. You can suck the nectar from the flowers, or use them as a tea.

Useful plant? Nitrogen-fixing plant, like most legumes. Many medicinal uses, including skin treatments. Always seek advice from a professional before using a plant medicinally.

Hive bees, bumble bees, and solitary bees all need both nectar and pollen. Hive bees also need enough to make spare honey for people. For hive bees, see also leaflets from the British Beekeepers Association at www.britishbee.org.uk/information_leaflets.php. For bumble bees, see also www.bumblebeeconservationtrust.co.uk/gardening_for_bumblebees.htm. For more plants, see F.N. Howes *Plants and Beekeeping* 1979 Faber & Faber ISBN 0 571 11358 3, out of print but available second-hand. For more information on edible and useful plants, see www.pfaf.org. For native plants and animals associated with them, see the Postcode Plants Database <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/fff/index.html>.