



bee-friendliness rating

**Gift to Nature's Guide to Bee-Friendly Plants**



common name

**White Clover**

botanical name

**Trifolium repens**

family

Fabaceae

origin

Europe including Britain



type of plant
tree
climber
shrub
<b>herbaceous perennial</b>
biennial
annual

height range
<b>&lt; 0.5 m</b>
0.5-1 m
1-2 m
2-5 m
5-10 m
> 10 m

suitable soil types
<b>chalk</b>
<b>sand</b>
<b>clay</b>
<b>well-drained</b>
<b>damp</b>
wet

suitable aspects
<b>sunny</b>
semi-shade
shade

Months in flower											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Months in leaf											
Jan	Feb	Mar	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	Nov	Dec

Edible plant? Leaves and most other parts are edible. Flowers can be used as a tea.

Useful plant? Nitrogen-fixing plant, like most legumes. Many medicinal uses, including for coughs and colds.

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](http://www.britishbee.org.uk/information_leaflets.php).

For bumble bees, see also [www.bumblebeeconservationtrust.co.uk/gardening\\_for\\_bumblebees.htm](http://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](http://www.pfaf.org).

For native plants and animals associated with them, see the Postcode Plants Database <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/fff/index.html>.