

Native Farmland Plants and their Pollinators

The National Biodiversity Data Centre will focus on #10 native farmland plants and their pollinators this year. Our native plants are vital for our farmland pollinating insect species.

Species #1: Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*, Draighean



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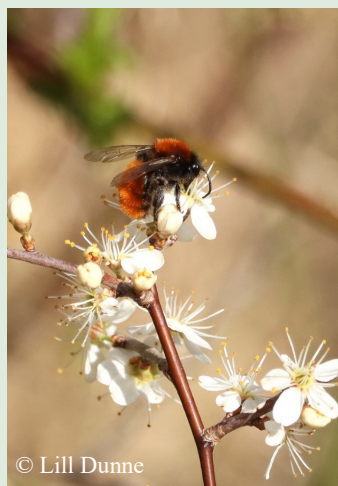
One of the first hedgerow plants to flower, from mid February.

Blackthorn provides a valuable source of pollen and nectar for pollinators.



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Pollinated flowers provide Sloes in the winter for wildlife.



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Many different wild bees and hoverflies will feed on Blackthorn, including the rare Tawny mining bee.



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And the Buff-tailed bumblebee.

The leaves are also a food plant for moth caterpillars.



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[How-to-guide-Hedgerows-2018-WEB.pdf \(pollinators.ie\)](https://www.pollinators.ie/How-to-guide-Hedgerows-2018-WEB.pdf)