

Top Bee Magnets in Pinnacles National Monument

An in-depth study of bees and plants was conducted in Pinnacles National Monument, a wild area of San Benito County, California. The flowers of these native plants attracted the greatest diversity of bee species:

California Buckwheat. *Eriogonum fasciculatum* (104 species of bees).

California Broom, *Lotus scoparius* (67 species of bees).

Woolly Yerba Santa. *Eriodictyon tomentosum* (53 species of bees).

Elegant Fairyfans. *Clarkia unguiculata* (48 species of bees).

California Poppy. *Eschscholzia californica* (44 species of bees).

Chinese houses. *Collinsia heterophylla* (39 species of bees).

Chamise. *Adenostoma fasciculatum* (30 species of bees).

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