

Buzzy Gardens Rulebook

Goal:

Build up a bee-autiful landscape of flower plots and buzzy beehives by placing down flower cards and beehive tokens so that the flowers can get pollinated and the bees have enough food to support the hive. This game should be played by 2-4 people, ages 7+.

Components:

4 character cards

- 2 beekeeper cards
- 2 gardener cards

state cards depending on your US hardiness zone

80 game cards

- 5 event cards
- 75 flower cards
 - 15 bee-friendly native plants (5pts)
 - 25 bee-friendly plants (3pts)
 - 35 pretty flowers (1pt)

10 beehive tokens

Setup:

Each player randomly draws a character card to assign their bee-haviour for the game. If you wannabee another type of character ask nicely and maybe you'll create enough of a buzz to be able to negotiate a switch.

- 2 players: 1 beekeeper, 1 gardener
- 3 players: 1 beekeeper, 2 gardeners
- 4 players: 2 beekeepers, 2 gardeners

Each player draws 3 game cards as their starting hand. If an event card is drawn, it should be returned to the deck and a new card should be draw until each player has a hand of 3 flower cards.

One player randomly draws a state card to assign the US state for the entire game. The state drawn determines the total number of beehives that can be used in the game, and the starting number of flowers placed down into the landscape. The specified number of beehive tokens is given to the beekeeper(s), shared between the beekeepers if there are two beekeeper players.

The specified number of flower cards is drawn and placed into the landscape so

that every flower card is adjacent to at least one other card.

Game Play:

Make sure to go through this section with a fine-tooth honeycomb to make sure you understand all the rules!

Play for 10 rounds. During each round, players get the chance to play flower cards and/or beehives, placing them down into a landscape. There are no boundaries for the size or shape of the landscape beyond the physical limitations of the space you're playing in, but each card must be placed next to another card or beehive token -- so no flower patches floating off by themselves.

- Flowers cannot be more than 2 spaces away from a beehive (no more than one card between the flower card and its nearest beehive).
- Beehives must be directly next to at least one 5pt flower card or two 3pt flower cards. Beehive tokens are placed on the corners of flower cards.

At the beginning of each round, the beekeeper(s) have the chance to place a beehive token on the board, or move a beehive token. If there are two beekeepers, they should spit out your bumble-gum and communicate without being mumble-bees to decide on a single action together from their shared beehives. If a beehive token is moved, all other cards can stay in place, but any new flower cards placed on the board must follow the placement rules with the new beehive position. If the beekeeper(s) choose to place or move a beehive in a round, they forgo placing flowers in that round. Just send your swarm wishes to everyone else that the rest of the round goes well.

Players should decide on an order to draw game cards for the entire game. Every player draws a new game card from the deck, skipping beekeeper(s) if they have placed/moved beehives in the current round. If an event card is drawn, it should be played immediately according to the instructions on the card, before the next player draws. A player who has drawn an event card is done playing for the current round. All players who have drawn flower cards can then play flower cards into the landscape, going in the same order in which they drew cards. Any card in a player's current hand can be placed into the landscape.

- Beekeepers can place a flower in a new spot.
- Gardeners can place a flower in a new spot OR replace a flower, digging up the previous flower and putting it into a discard compost pile.

End of Game:

After 10 rounds the game is over. Tally up the total points from flower cards in the landscape. Add 5 for every beehive in the landscape. Try to beat this score on

your next play through, we bee-lieve you can do it! And we hope that you don't just buzz off and stop considering bees after this game is over, there's many things we can do as ordinary citizens to help make sure our honeybees and wild bees stay healthy. This is vital for the pollination of plants from large-scale agricultural crops to home gardens. Visit <https://beeinformed.org/> to learn more.



Use this QR code for a quick video introduction to the game!

Flower Factbook:

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29. Frikart's Aster (bee-friendly)

For summer to fall exquisite beauty on easy care plants, few perennials can compare with Aster x frikartii 'Monch' (Frikart's Aster). One of the first Asters to bloom, this lovely perennial plant creates a bold splash of color in the landscape over an extraordinarily long season with masses of attractive, soft lavender-blue, star-shaped blossoms, 2 in. wide (5 cm), with slender rays and golden-yellow centers. Such a gentle color that it blends with almost any other color in the garden. Free flowering, well-branched with sturdy stems that do not need staking, this aster is easy to grow, trouble-free, mildew-resistant and a great source of nectar for butterflies!

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67. Ray Hartman's California Lilac (bee-friendly, native)

One of the largest growing California Lilacs, Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' is a vigorous, evergreen shrub or small tree noted for its abundant clusters of radiant medium blue flowers, up to 5 in. long (12 cm), in late spring and early summer. Opening from rosy buds, the sweetly fragrant blooms attract bees, butterflies and birds. They are well displayed against the foliage of large, rounded, dark green leaves. Deer love the new growth on this California Lilac. A

fast grower, this wonderful shrub is heat tolerant, low maintenance and extremely drought tolerant. It is regarded by many as one of the most reliable and garden-tolerant ceanothus. 'Ray Hartman' is a hybrid California Lilac variety resulting from a cross between *Ceanothus arboreus* and *Ceanothus griseus*.

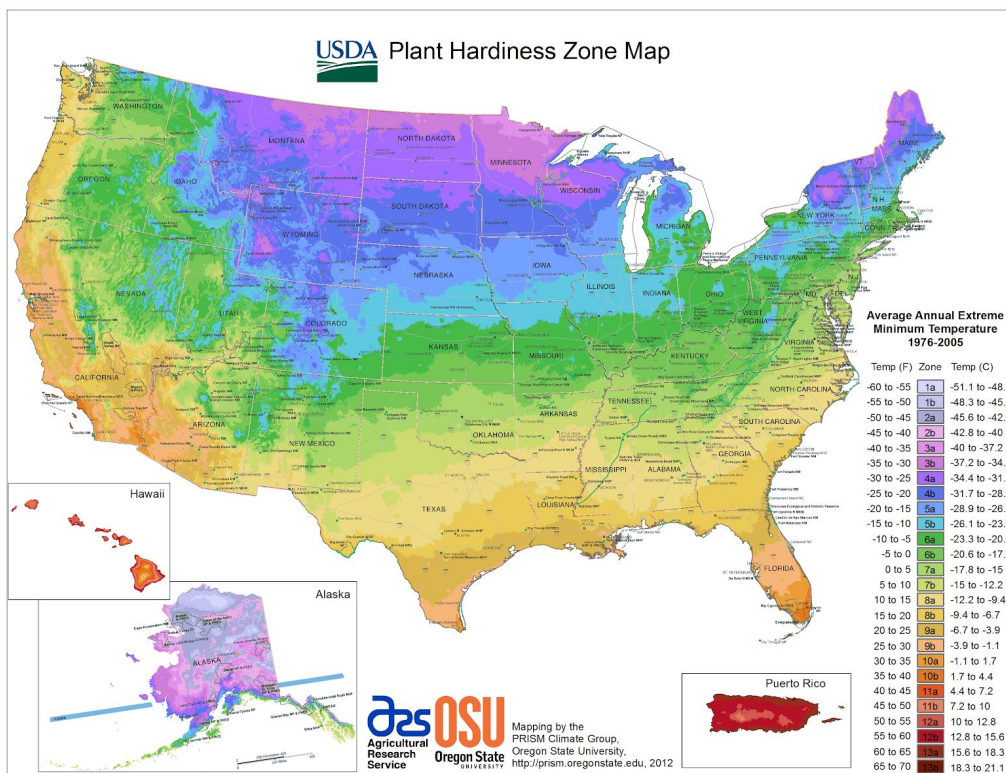
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75. Zinnia

Zinnias are one of the most rewarding summer flowers with their brilliant colors and their profuse blooms over a lengthy season extending from early summer to frost. Adored by butterflies, they are also highly popular amongst gardeners thanks to their wide variety of plant heights, flower sizes, forms and colors - a diversity to suit every need! Zinnias can be annuals, perennials or sub-shrubs. They are all extremely easy and quick to grow and bloom prodigiously. Use them in mixed borders, for edging, window boxes or containers and don't forget to cut some as Zinnias are very popular as fresh cut flowers!

Descriptions sourced from <https://www.gardenia.net> planting encyclopedia

US Hardiness Zones Map:



Go to <https://gilmour.com/planting-zones-hardiness-map> for an overview of each zone's planting characteristics!

Basic Packs:

Basic packs come with 80 game cards, 4 character cards, and a set pack of state cards grouped by US hardiness zones.

Pack A: Zones 1-4

Alaska, Colorado, New York, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Maine, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Pack B: Zone 5

California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Pack C: Zone 6

Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts

Pack D: Zone 7

Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama

Pack E: Zone 8

Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina

Pack F: Zone 9-13

California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Georgia, Nevada

Looking for more?

Post pictures of your landscape or you playing the game with the hashtag #buzzworthygardens to be entered to win free bee-friendly seeds. We're not pollen your leg here!

Expansion packs:

With our expansion packs, you can wax poetic to all your friends about additional flower cards bundled by the region that they're native to and exciting new event cards which allow you to expand the number of players or rounds of play. Be careful not to drone on too long though!

