

Honeybee Preferred Cover Crops in Michigan  
for Marquette and Alger Counties

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom Color	Life Cycle
Oriental Mustard	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	yellow	winter annual, cool season annual
Rapeseed, rape, canola	<i>Brassica napus</i>	yellow	winter annual
Forage Turnip	<i>Brassica rapa</i>	yellow	biennial
Buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>	white	summer annual
Alfalfa	<i>medicago sativa</i>	purple	perennial
Oilseed Radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	white	cool season annual
Hairy Vetch	<i>Vicia villosa</i>	purple to blue	winter annual, cool season annual