

Chicory (Cichorium intybus). This beautiful and useful plant has the reputation of a weed, being common and easily spread, but it is also widely cultivated. The roots provide the well-known coffee substitute, and the leaves are eaten in salads. It can reach 5' in height. It has gray-green foliage.

The flowers appear from June to October, and are a light clear blue, or occasionally pink or white. Range: Throughout the U.S. They are a favorite of bees; the Honeybee illustrated here is yellow and black, with yellow-orange pollen baskets on its hind legs.