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Honey flora calendar for December

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### Honey Flora Calendar For December

**Compiled by R. S. Coleman, Apicultural Section, with assistance from the Botanical Branch**

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<tr>
<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Botanical Name</th>
<th>Where Found</th>
<th>Honey Quality</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Quality of Pollen</th>
<th>Flowering Time</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>York Gum</td>
<td><em>E. loxophleba</em> Benth</td>
<td>Widespread throughout the State. It is found in wide belt from north of Northampton to Salmon Gums</td>
<td>Good medium amber. Candies with a fine candy</td>
<td>Very good</td>
<td>Very poor</td>
<td>Flowers over a long time but main producing period is Oct.-Dec.</td>
<td>One of the main honey flows. Fails sometimes for unknown reasons. Flowering well in some districts.</td>
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<td>Jarrah</td>
<td><em>E. marginata</em> Sm.</td>
<td>Widespread; on coastal plain south of Lanceolin, in forest country from south of Moora to east of Albany</td>
<td>When pure (which happens rarely) it is a good medium amber</td>
<td>30-60 lb.</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Mid Oct. to mid. Dec. on coastal plain, later in the forest</td>
<td>The honey froths excessively. Quality is usually spoilt by poorer honeys from scrub flowering at the time. Flowering in large areas of the State.</td>
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<td>Chenille Honey Myrtle</td>
<td><em>Melaleuca huegelii</em> Endl.</td>
<td>Lime-stone ridges in west coastal plain</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Mid Dec.-late Feb.</td>
<td>Widely scattered and difficult to find commercial stands; keeps the bees going when there is nothing else.</td>
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<td>Needle-leaved Paperbark</td>
<td><em>M. rhapsophylla</em> Schau.</td>
<td>Rivers and swamps in the South-West</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Medium to Poor</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Nov.-Dec.</td>
<td>Not important except when associated with another medium producing flow.</td>
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<td>Wandoor or White-Gum</td>
<td><em>E. redunca</em> Schau. var. elata Benth.</td>
<td>Commercial stands occur between Eneasbba and Mt. Barker</td>
<td>Choice</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Moora-Bindoon area, March-May; Toodyay-Bakers Hill, Spring; getting later going south till south of Wandering, Feb.-March</td>
<td>The major honey plant amongst the Eucalypts. Early summer flowering Wandoor could be flowering in patches.</td>
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<td>Wild Hop</td>
<td><em>Chorisia hirsuta</em> Benth.</td>
<td>Karri Forest</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Good-Fair</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Sept.-Dec.</td>
<td>Bees can work it in the rain as the flowers are pendant. Associated with the Soap Bush to form the Hazel Thickets of the Karri forest.</td>
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