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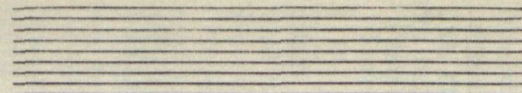
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Honey Flora Calendar for March



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Common Name	Botanical Name	Where Found	Honey		Quality of Pollen	Remarks	Current Situation
			Quality	Quantity			
Hooked Mallee	<i>Eucalyptus uncinata</i> Turcz.	Mallee areas	Very little known in W.A. Victoria and South Australia regard it as excellent.	Good in South Australia and Victoria	Good in South Australia and Victoria	Not worked enough in W.A. to have any reliable reports	Should be flowering this year.
Blackbutt	<i>E. patens</i> Benth.	Found in place of Marri in some associations, Manjimup to Bindoon	Good	Good	Good	Buds and flowers same year. Collie and Balingup best stands	Not flowering this year, except perhaps in the Karri area.
Powderbark Wandoo	<i>E. accedens</i> W. V. Fitzg.	Occurs on the eastern side of main heavy rainfall areas mainly on the Ironstone ridges	Good, first quality	Heavy medium	Excellent	Powderbark can be differentiated from Wandoo, by the powdery bark and from the fact that in early winter the bark has a salmon colour. Starts to flower at the end of January, and invariably sheds some mature buds just before flowering. This does not seem to lessen the crop of honey. Buds are held for three years, much the same as Wandoo	Some very small patches budded for 1961.
Red Morrel	<i>E. oleosa</i> F. Muell. var. <i>longicornis</i> F. Muell.	Wheat belt area	Good	Uncertain but a few local reports said good yields obtained	Good	A tall tree on good soil, widely scattered and difficult to find enough trees to work as a flow. Could be tried when nothing else available. No information on buds.	No report.
White Gum or Wandoo	<i>E. redunca</i> Schau var. <i>elata</i> Benth.	Winter-flowering Wandoo; found from Chittering North to Moora	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Tends to be found in the valleys. Major honey plant	No budding report.
White Gum Mallee	<i>E. redunca</i> Schau	Summer Flowering	Good	Good	Poor	Found in Mallee areas	Not many reports but all have been good.

Karri	<i>E. diversicolor</i> F. Muell.	Donnelly Mills, Pemberton, Shannon Mill area	Choice	Heavy	Poor	Karri flowers in this area over 12 months but the major flow is mid-December, to the end of April. Flowering cycles are apparently tied up with maturing fruit on trees, winter rains to induce growth, and temperate weather in summer when the very small buds are present. Buds from growth of young tips to flower take three years	Should be in production in the Pemberton area, but might not be reliable.
Marri	<i>E. calophylla</i> R.Br.	Enneabba, south to east of Albany	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Major honey plant, very sensitive to climate	Patchy budding for 1961
Red Tingle	<i>E. Jacksonii</i> Maiden	Southern rainforest. Denmark	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Not big enough stands	No reports
Tuart	<i>E. gomphocephala</i> D. C.	Moore River-Busselton....	Very good	Good	? Poor	Buds often eaten by borer. Seldom flowers	Could be flowering in Busselton-Mandurah.
Sugar Gum	<i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i> F. Muell.	Not a native of W.A., but used as a street tree	Good	Heavy	Good	As this tree is planted extensively in some towns the local beekeepers get a good crop. Buds believed to be one year old at flowering	As this tree flowers every year, it should be investigated by beekeepers in areas where it is planted.
White Heath	<i>Leucopogon propinquus</i> R. Br.	Widespread	Good	Good	Good	Important when in dense stands	This should be good if we have rains in March.
Rottneet Tea Tree....	<i>Melaleuca pubescens</i> Schau.	Rottneet, Cape Naturaliste and Dongara only	Poor	Good	Good	Only three stands known	Should be a good year.
Red Bell or Silky-leaved Bloodflower	<i>Calothamnus sanguineus</i> Labill.	Widespread, seems to like rocky slopes either lime or ironstone	Dark, good quality	Excellent	Good	Flowers over a long period	Look for the flow of this plant on the rock, gravelly outcrops on the edge of the Darling Range.

It will be seen from this list that information concerning many nectar-bearing plants is far from adequate. We would appreciate further information from beekeepers.

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