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# Honey Flora Calendar for May

COMPILED BY R. S. COLEMAN, APICULTURAL SECTION, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOTANICAL BRANCH

Common Name	Botanical Name	Where Found	Honey		Quality of Pollen	Remarks
			Quality	Quantity		
Tuart ....	<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> D.C.	South of Lancelin on the West Coast, to Busselton	Medium ....	Medium to good....	Uncertain ....	A borer attacks this tree, dropping the buds. Apparently, hot dry weather stops the borers and allows the tree to flower. From the first sign of the bud to flowering is three years. Due to the hot summer this year, the Tuart should flower.
Flat-topped or Swamp Yate	<i>E. occidentalis</i> Endl. ....	Low-lying land in Great Southern	Choice ....	Uncertain yielder but yields enough to be regarded as a commercial crop	Good ....	This tree needs strong hives to produce a good crop, borers attack the buds. The Swamp-Yate usually flowers every year.
Wandoo or White-Gum	<i>E. redunca</i> Schau. var. <i>elata</i> Benth.	Commercial stands occur between Enneabba and Mt. Barker	Choice ....	Excellent ....	Poor ....	The major honey plant amongst the Eucalypts. Flowering on western slopes of the Darling Range, March to May.
Prickly Dryandra ....	<i>Dryandra armata</i> R. Br.	Gravel soil and sheet laterites. Midlands to Great Southern	Medium ....	Good ....	Good ....	Not well known.
Kerosene Bush ....	<i>Dryandra Ashbyi</i> B.L. Burt	Dongara and northwards. Some may be found south of Dongara in small patches.	Good ....	Good ....	Good ....	A good flow usually follows good opening rains.
Fraser's Dryandra ....	<i>Dryandra Fraseri</i> R. Br.	Gravel soils. Coorow through to Great Southern	Good ....	Good ....	Good ....	This plant is very much like the Kerosene Bush of the north.
White Bell ....	<i>Leucopogon conostephioides</i> D.C.	Widespread ....	Dark and strong caramel	Good ....	Good ....	One of the few plants flowering at this time of the year.
White Heath ....	<i>Leucopogon propinquus</i> R. Br.	Widespread ....	Poor ....	Good ....	Good ....	Time of flowering is important, to maintain hives in early winter and keep strength up for spring flows.
Mothers Bells ....	<i>Leucopogon concinnus</i> Benth.	Widespread ....	Poor ....	Good ....	Good ....	Time of flowering is important, to maintain hives in early winter and keep strength up for spring flows.
Menzies Banksia or Red Banksia	<i>Banksia Menziesii</i> R. Br.	Coastal Sand Plain ....	Good ....	Poor to good ....	Unknown ....	Grows in association with other honey-producing plants. Believed to be a source of good first grade honey in some years.

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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