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Honey flora calendar for August

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## Honey Flora Calendar for August

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Botanical Name</th>
<th>Where Found</th>
<th>Honey Quality</th>
<th>Pollen Quality</th>
<th>Flowering Time</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pindie or Pingli Bush</td>
<td><em>Dryandra cuneata</em> Lindl.</td>
<td>Widespread on gravel soil ...</td>
<td>Fair to poor</td>
<td>Good to fair</td>
<td>August to September</td>
<td>A good honey plant to build up bees in the Spring. Surplus honey available from strong hive.</td>
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<td>Parrot Bush</td>
<td><em>Dryandra sessilis</em> (Knight) Domin. = <em>D. floribunda</em></td>
<td>Widespread seems to prefer shallow soils</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Mid July to mid Oct.</td>
<td>It is the highest yielder of honey outside the eucalypts. Produces best in milder areas along the coast on limestone hills.</td>
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<td>Fraser’s Dryandra</td>
<td><em>Dryandra fraseri</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Gravel soils Coorow through to Great Southern</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Mid May to end of Aug.</td>
<td>This plant is very much like the Kerosene Bush of the north.</td>
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<td>Yellow Dryandra</td>
<td><em>Dryandra crassia</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Gravel soils in Coorow-Dandaran area. Midland sand plain</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>August to October</td>
<td>A spindly plant, not growing very tall with pale yellow flowers. Could be the plant that produces honey tasting like silage.</td>
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<td>Fig Flower or couch</td>
<td><em>Dryandra spines</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread ...</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>August to September</td>
<td>Variable plant, and this means its honey producing powers might also vary from district to district.</td>
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<td>Dryandra, Carpet</td>
<td><em>Calothamnus hookeri</em> Labill.</td>
<td>Widespread in sand plain ...</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Very good</td>
<td>Mainly April to September</td>
<td>Grown on rocky ridges more often than sand.</td>
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<td>No common name</td>
<td><em>Leucopopon oldfieldii</em> Benth.</td>
<td>Widespread ...</td>
<td>Dark purple red honey</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>July to August</td>
<td>Time of flowering is important to maintain hives in early winter and keep strength up for spring flows.</td>
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<td>Wild Radish</td>
<td><em>Raphanus radianthus</em> Linn.</td>
<td>Widespread weed</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Jun to August</td>
<td>Excellent plant to build up hives and in some districts a surplus of honey.</td>
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<td>Cape Weed</td>
<td><em>Crytostemma calandula</em> (Linn.) Druce</td>
<td>Widespread weed ...</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Late July to mid Oct.</td>
<td>One of the best pollen plants.</td>
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<td>Salvation Jane, Patersons Curse, Vipers Vugloss</td>
<td><em>Echium plantagineum</em> Linn.</td>
<td>Weed of agricultural areas</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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<td>Spring, Oct. to Nov.</td>
<td>Apparently needs a wet winter to produce.</td>
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<td>White Bush Kangaroo</td>
<td><em>Hakea trifurcata</em> (Sm.) R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread ...</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Late June to mid August</td>
<td>Important pollen flow prior to and builds up the bees for the Parrot Bush.</td>
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<td>Flooded Gum</td>
<td><em>Eucalyptus radiata</em> Endl.</td>
<td>Wetter areas along water-courses</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Mid Aug. to beginning of November</td>
<td>Good strength building flow and if bees strong enough in the beginning will give two or more extractions.</td>
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