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## Honey Flora Calendar for September

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

<table>
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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>Pollen Quality</th>
<th>Flowering Time</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fig Flower or Couch Dryandra</td>
<td>Dryandra nivea R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Aug.-Sept.</td>
<td>Variable plant, and this means its honey producing powers might also vary from district to district.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wild Hop</td>
<td>Chorinena hirsuta 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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<tr>
<td>Soap Bush</td>
<td>Trymalium spathulatum (Labill.) Osie.</td>
<td>Karri forest</td>
<td>Fair, it has a marshmallow taste</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Sept.-Dec.</td>
<td>Soap Bush and Wild Hop form the Hazel thickets of the Karri forest.</td>
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<td>Diamond Bush</td>
<td>Bosisia laidalaviana Tovey et Morris</td>
<td>Karri forest</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>End of Sept.- Nov.</td>
<td>One of the best pollen supplies in the State. It is believed to be one of the plants which cause the bees to swarm excessively.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taylorina</td>
<td>Peoralea pinnata Linn.</td>
<td>Swamps in Albany-Denmark area</td>
<td>Excellent white</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Sept.-Nov.</td>
<td>Introduced plant.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cape Weed</td>
<td>Cryptostemma calendula (Linn.) Druce</td>
<td>Widespread weed</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Late July-mid Oct.</td>
<td>One of the best pollen plants.</td>
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<td>Flooded Gum</td>
<td>Eucalyptus rudis Endl.</td>
<td>Wetter areas along water-courses</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Mid Aug. to beginning of Nov.</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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**Honey Quality**
- Fair to poor
- Medium
- Good
- Very good
- Excellent

**Quality of Pollen**
- Good
- Excellent

**Flowering Time**
- Aug.-Sept.
- Mid July-mid Oct.
- Sept.-Dec.
- End of Sept.-Nov.