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## Honey Flora Calendar for May

**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>
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<th>Quality of Pollen</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>Karri</td>
<td><em>Eucalyptus diversicolor</em> F. Muell.</td>
<td>Winter flowering karri on the south coast; Walpole-Albany</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>There have been no reports of buds in this area, but could be expected to flower this year.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bullich</td>
<td><em>E. megacarpa</em> F. Muell.</td>
<td>Found on the south coast (Normanup to Denmark); extending northwards along the Darling Range</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Unknown; probably good</td>
<td>Widespread in the wetter regions but there are few if any dense stands of this tree.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flat Top Yate or Swamp Yate</td>
<td><em>E. occidentalis</em> Endl.</td>
<td>Widespread in the lower South-West. Grows mainly in the wetter regions</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>There are no reports of buds for this year. One report that they are carrying quite a lot of seed vessels has been received.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wandoo</td>
<td><em>E. redvnea</em> Schau. var. <em>elata</em> Benth.</td>
<td>On western slopes of the hills south of Perth; also occurs north of Perth to Bindoon and Callingiri, extending northwards to Coorow</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Some bud for this year but no definite flow.</td>
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<td>Orange Banksia</td>
<td><em>Banksia prionotes</em> Lindl.</td>
<td>Widespread in sandy soils</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Will be finished flowering towards the end of May.</td>
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<td>Menzies Banksia</td>
<td><em>B. menziesii</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread in sandy coastal country</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Will be finished flowering towards the end of May.</td>
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<td>Kerosene Bush</td>
<td><em>Dryandra ashbyi</em> Burret.</td>
<td>Widespread in gravelly soils north of Mandaragan to Murchison River</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Beekeepers have reported that this plant fails in some years. This could be due to the fact that although it flowered, it produced no nectar. Also it may be one of a group and the rest of the group may have either flowered and not produced or not flowered at all.</td>
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<td>White Bell</td>
<td><em>Leucopogon conostephiodes</em> D.C.</td>
<td>Widespread in the Southern Division, usually on sandy soil</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>The best of the many species of heaths.</td>
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<td>White Heath</td>
<td><em>L. propinquus</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread in the South-West</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Not as good as the White Bell.</td>
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