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## Honey Flora Calendar For June

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

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<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Botanical Name</th>
<th>Where Found</th>
<th>Honey Quality</th>
<th>Honey Quantity</th>
<th>Pollen Quality</th>
<th>Flowering Time</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Karri</strong></td>
<td><em>Eucalyptus diversicolor</em> F. Muell.</td>
<td>High rainfall districts in &quot;Karri&quot; area</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Very poor</td>
<td>Long flowering</td>
<td>Karri is the quality honey of W.A. and is budded at present. There may be a heavy yield in the season 1962–63. Flowering in the eastern areas of its range, but the heavy rainfall (45 in.) and cold will probably stop the nectar gathering.</td>
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<td><strong>Menzies Banksia</strong></td>
<td><em>Banksia menziesii</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Coastal area, stretching from south of Perth to Port Gregory, north of Geraldton</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>Late April to end of August</td>
<td>Menzies Banksia can be a good producer, in some years; the good years may be associated with small flows from other sources.</td>
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<td><strong>Orange Banksia</strong></td>
<td><em>Banksia spinulosa</em> Lindl.</td>
<td>Widespread on sandy soils</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Late April to end of August</td>
<td>Cones are closely packed and bees tend to be trapped between the flowers.</td>
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<td><strong>Silky Blood Flower or One-sided Bottlebrush</strong></td>
<td><em>Calothamnus sanguineus</em> Labill.</td>
<td>Widespread</td>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Some flowers most of the year; main flow May-October but varies according to district</td>
<td>Valuable winter flow, as a build up for the bees. Rain does not affect the flow due to the flowers shedding the water.</td>
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<td><strong>Large One-sided Bottlebrush</strong></td>
<td><em>Calothamnus quadrifidus</em> R. Br.</td>
<td>Widespread</td>
<td>Very poor</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Very good</td>
<td>June-August</td>
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<td><strong>Kerosene Bush</strong></td>
<td><em>Dryandra ashbyi</em> Burtt.</td>
<td>Widespread in gravelly soils north of Dandaragan to Murchison River</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Flowers from May to September</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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