

# Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association

**NEXT MEETING:**  
TUESDAY, April 23rd  
7:00-9:00 Program  
Georgetown Public Library

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## Meeting Night Changes

Tuesday April 23rd  
**Thursday May 30th**  
Tuesday June 25th  
Tuesday July 23rd  
**Tuesday August 20th**  
Tuesday September 24th

Meetings are the 4th  
Tuesday of each month  
except May and August  
when room availability  
caused a change.

## April Program

**7:00 pm Jim Colbert - Your First Hive Inspection**

**8:00 pm Lance Wilson - Bee Nutrition**



*Picture by Shelby Kilpatrick*



# Honey Flow Calendar

*from our President, Phil Ainslie*

## Bee Friends

Honey flow will be upon us soon. I have been watching the blossoming flowers and trees with much anticipation. I am hopeful this will be a good year for our bees and honey production. I am a terrible prognosticator so I decided to ensure a better year by beating my drum and dancing under the full moon. Then my neighbors complained about the spectacle. Kidding of course.

I found some information on Texas plants and honey flow that I wanted to share with you. I hope you find it useful.

## Honey Flow Calendar

**January** – Mistletoe – (produces abundant nectar according to the Texas Honeyplant book but hive population too low to harvest much)

**February** – I've seen pollen but no honey flow coming in early February. Some Elm and wild mustard pollen, but mainly Dandelion and Henbit pollen

**March** – Dandelion

**April** – Yaupon Holly, Indian Blanket (this is the big honey flow – light and tasty. Shows up right after bluebonnet fades), Mesquite tree (the biggest honey source in the state)

May– Indian Blanket, Horsemint, Sweet Clover

**June** – Horsemint, Mesquite, Sweet Clover, Indian Blanket

**July** – none, Central Texas is scorched and even the roads melt.

**August** – Broomweed (if rain occurs)

**September** – Broomweed, Goldenrod (main flow), Asters

**October** – Goldenrod,

**November** – Broomweed (if moisture permits)

## Beneficial Trees and Shrubs for Bees

### Trees:

**Mountain Laurel:** Small evergreen tree, often multi-trunked, up to 30 feet, very fragrant purple blooms in early spring.

**Eve's Necklace:** Slender deciduous tree, 15-30 feet, fragrant wisteria-like pink blooms, re-seeds vigorously.

**Mexican Buckeye:** Deciduous shrubby tree up to 30 feet, multi-trunked, pink redbud-like blooms in early spring, readily re-seeds.

**Guajillo:** Shrub-like acacia up to 30 feet, very fragrant balls of white-to-cream-colored flowers in early spring, good source of nectar producing high quality honey.

**Huisache**—Multi-trunked shrubby tree 15-20 feet, very showy orange-yellow flowers covering the whole tree in early spring, quite fragrant but thorny.

**Goldenball Lead Tree:** Evergreen, slender shrub or small tree up to 15 feet, many showy balls of golden-yellow flowers throughout spring and summer after rains.

**Mexican Persimmon**—Usually 10-15 feet but can reach 35, often multi-trunked, blooms while leafing out in March or April, smooth gray bark with the habit of peeling like crape myrtle, sweet fruit in mid to late summer, very drought tolerant.

**Common Hop Tree, Wafer Ash**—Aromatic shrub or tree, 10-15 feet, small fragrant flowers in April, sun or shade, works as understory tree, good nectar source.

**Live Oak**—Pollen source in spring.

**Anaqua, Sandpaper Tree**—Semi-evergreen 20-45 feet, often with suckers or multiple trunks, sandpaper-like leaves, fragrant white flowers in April, good nectar source.

**Almond Verbena**—“Honey bee magnet,” 10-15 feet, full sun to part shade, mostly evergreen, strong fragrance, long blooming, fast growing, high heat tolerance (Argentina).

**Desert Willow**—From 15-40 feet, fragrant pink flowers after rain from late spring to fall, very drought tolerant.

**Vitex**—Fast grower, 15-25 feet, lilac blossoms May to Sept., drought tolerant, can form thickets, considered invasive in some areas (China, Japan).

**Brasil, Bluewood Condalia**—Thorny, much-branched, thicket-forming shrub or small tree, 12-36 feet, lime green leaves in early spring, greenish flowers June-Sept., fruit very desirable for mammals and birds, drought tolerant.

**Western Soapberry**—Attractive and hardy tree, 10-50 feet tall depending on soil conditions, large clusters of cream-colored flowers May-June, berries attractive to birds, berries traditionally used as soap substitute, good fall color.

**Mexican Olive**—South Texas tree 12-24 feet, sun to part shade, showy white flowers primarily late spring through summer, fruit attractive to mammals and birds.

**Crape Myrtle**—Many varieties and colors, 3-30+ feet, smooth gray bark with the habit of peeling, very heat tolerant, summer blooms important pollen source for bees and other insects, (India and Southeast Asia).

**Texas Kidneywood**—Many-branched shrub or tree, up to 10 feet, fern-like foliage, small white flowers May to Oct., delicate fragrance, highly attractive to bees.

**Evergreen Sumac**—Small tree 8-12 feet, shiny green foliage, fast-growing, drought-tolerant, sometimes takes irregular shape, clusters of white flowers in the fall very attractive to bees, red berries in winter (female plants only) attractive to birds

### Shrubs:

**White Honeysuckle, Texas Honeysuckle**—Deciduous shrub 4-10 feet, very fragrant white flowers, earliest bloomer in the spring, orange-red fruit attractive to birds, very attractive to bees.

**Elbowbush**—Thicket-forming shrub to 10 feet, typically branches at right angles, small yellowish flowers in very early spring, good source of nectar.

**Hogplum, Snakewood, Colubrina**—Thicket-forming shrub, 3-6 feet with a rounded crown and a snakeskin-like pattern on the bark, small greenish-yellow flowers in late spring.

**Agarita**—Evergreen shrub 3-8 feet, leaves with sharp spines, very fragrant yellow flowers in early spring, edible fruit appearing May-July.

**Salvia Guaranitica, Black and Blue Sage**—From 2-5 feet, sun to part shade, deep blue flowers summer-fall, likes a little water in hot weather (South America).

**Mealy Blue Sage**—From 2-3 feet, blue to almost purple flowers April to Oct., sun to part sun, easy to grow, very desirable plant.

**Yellow Bells, Esperanza**—Clusters of trumpet-shaped yellow flowers, very showy, height from 3-9 feet, drought tolerant, sun to part shade (Be sure to purchase a southwestern rather than a tropical variety.)

**Mexican Honeysuckle**—Evergreen 3-4 feet, spread 4-6 feet, bright orange tubular flowers spring until frost, very heat tolerant, full to part sun, spreads readily/many “volunteers” (Mexico and South America) .

**Rock Rose, Pavonia**—From 3-6 feet, profuse pink blooms April-Nov., drought tolerant, sun to part shade, well-drained soil but will grow almost anywhere, seeds prolifically, many “volunteer,” very desirable.

**Texas Lantana**—From 3-6 feet, flowers red/yellow/orange in summer, drought tolerant, full sun, well-drained soil, deer-resistant.

**Salvia Greggii, Autumn Sage**—Mounding shrub, usually 2-3 feet (some cultivars larger than others), variety of colors from white to burgundy, blooms heaviest in spring and fall or after summer rains, nearly evergreen, drought tolerant.

**Turk's Cap, Texas Mallow**—Usually 2-3 feet but up to 9, often as broad as it is tall, profuse red hibiscus-like flowers, blooms May-Nov., part shade to shade, drought tolerant but likes moisture

**Bee Brush, Whitebrush**—Up to 10 feet, sun to part shade, slender trunk, delicate leaves, prolific bloomer after rains March-Nov., vanilla-scented white blossoms, great for bees.

**Cenizo, Purple Sage**—From 2-8 feet, gray foliage with bright pink-lavender flowers, blooms spring-fall after rain, sun to part shade, drought and heat tolerant, needs good drainage.

**Skeleton-Leaf Goldeneye, Resinbush**—Much branched with rounded top, 2-4 feet, prolific yellow daisy-like flowers June-Oct., sun to part shade, very heat and drought tolerant, needs good drainage.

**Velvetleaf Mallow**—Up to 5 feet, velvety leaves, orange-yellow flowers June-Oct., part shade, well-drained soil, larval host for butterflies.

**Indian Mallow**—From 2-3 feet, much-branched, small orange-yellow flowers June-Oct., sun to part shade, drought tolerant, well-drained soil, liked by deer, larval host to butterflies.

**Coralberry, Indian Currant**—From 4-6 feet though often shorter, green-white clusters of flowers, showy coral-pink to purple, forms extensive colonies, part shade to shade, low water use [pollen].

**White Mistflower, Shrubby Boneset**—Rounded shrub 2-6 feet, sun, drought tolerant, well-drained soil, moderately deer resistant, fall bloomer, fragrant white flowers.

**Lindheimer Senna, Velvetleaf Senna**—From 3-6 feet, sun to part shade, dry rocky soil, low water use, yellow flowers Aug.-Oct., larval host to butterflies.

**Mexican Bush Sage, Salvia Leucantha**—From 3-6 feet, fast grower in clumps, full sun to part shade, medium moisture, showy purple bloom summer to fall.

**Salvia Madrensis, Forsythia Sage**—From 6-8 feet, sun to partial shade, large heart-shaped leaves, thick stems, dramatic yellow flowers in the fall.

**Frostweed**—From 3-6 feet, part shade to shade, well-drained soil, low water use, deer resistant, white flowers in the fall, attracts butterflies, valuable to bees



**Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association**

March 26, 2019, Minutes of Meeting

The meeting began at 7 pm with Phil Ainslie conducting.

The following announcement were made:

1. Meeting changes are as follows: The May meeting will be on the 30th, and the August meeting will be on the 20th. This is due to a conflict with the library schedule.
2. Social activity: New members stood and met with more experienced beekeepers.
3. A small freezer was donated to the club. The freezer can be acquired by contacting Phil Ainslie (it has been purchased for a donation to the scholarship fund)
4. Bailey Brett was crowned Honey Princess by club member and former Texas Honey Queen, Alison French.
5. Art Vincent has supplies for sale. Complete hives, brood boxes, medium boxes, frames, bottom boards, 4 gallon stop feeder and other extra stuff. Phone 615-351-5220.
6. Bee class: "A sustainable Apiary for Central Texas". This class is free. The class is at 6 pm on Tuesday April 2nd.
7. Lifetime membership awards were given to Jimmy Oakley, Chris and Shirley Doggett, and Mary Bost.
8. A reminder was given regarding the nuc. pickup on April 6th at the Bost Farm beginning at 9 am.
9. Membership dues reminder
10. Scholarship recipients: Quinn Brimwell, Bailey Brett, Reese Brett, and Eli Krosher
11. Austin Beekeeping Club donated over \$700.00 for the scholarship fund.

Speaker: Kay Freund on "Installing and Nuc."

Speaker: Chuck Reburn on "Making Splits"

The meeting closed at 9 pm.



*Skeps by Julie Norman*

## Honey Princess Ceremony

During our March meeting, we had the coronation of the WCABA 2019 Honey Princess, Bailey Brett. She was crowned by Allison French, a former Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association Honey Queen, Texas Honey Queen and American Honey Princess.

Bailey is one of 6 children in the Brett family. She has 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Bailey is home schooled and participates in many outside activities. Her interests include her own gardening blog, painting, piano, photography, cross country, dance, choir, and beekeeping.

Bailey is one of our scholarship participants and will be joined by her brother Reece in the scholarship training.

Congratulations to our Honey Princess, Bailey Brett. Club members will be seeing a lot of Bailey at important events and she will be out sharing her knowledge with groups throughout the area. Please introduce yourselves to Bailey during our meetings.

Ginny Stubblefield  
Honey Queen Chair, WCABA



*Ginny Stubblefield, Honey Queen Chair, Bailey Brett, WCABA Honey Princess and Allison French, former American Honey Princess*

## WCABA Members Take Delivery of their Nucs

The culmination of the lengthy WCABA Bee Procurement process took place at the Bost Farm, SE of Georgetown, on Saturday morning April 6, 2019, when the trailer carrying the 270 5-frame nucs finally arrived several hours later than expected from Jennings, Louisiana.

The volunteer drive team of John Hibbard, Phil Ainslie, and Jim Ray had been gone for over 20 hours in their effort to pick up and bring back the club's order of nucs purchased from Merrimack Valley Apiaries. There was a sizeable delay in loading the nucs in Louisiana, and because of the weight of the load, caution was



taken in transporting them back to Williamson County. The drive team and the delivery prep team went to work immediately upon arrival, screening and unloading the nucs that the waiting members were anxious to pick up. Phil Ainslie carried all the nucs to the back of the trailer as Dodie Stillman, and Shannon Montez, along with John Hibbard and maybe even Jim Ray helped with screening the nuc boxes to assure members got all their bees safely to their final destination.



Of course, with many of the members having already arrived when the trailer finally showed up, there was a scramble to get their Pickup Voucher checked off and claim the appropriate amount of product they had purchased. Kay Oakley donned a bee veil and stepped to the head of the line and efficiently and judiciously allocated the nucs as they were set off the trailer to satisfy each member requirements per their voucher.

John Hibbard, and Jim Ray switched their duties to teamsters as they helped the members with multiple nucs get their boxes back to their vehicles. Glenn Patterson showed up and was pressed into service while he waited to get his order filled. There were other unidentified members that graciously stepped up to help us out as we struggled with the backlog. I'm not good on names, but you know who you are... THANKS.

Finally, credit to Jennifer Shear for taking over the tedious chore of viewing and checking off each member Voucher to accurately record the distribution of all the nucs that went out that day. By late afternoon when we reviewed the order matrix, we were left with the exact number of nucs that we showed undelivered to members still needing to show up. To an old bean counter like me that was music to my ears.



This year's nucs fulfillment from Merrimack was a mixed blessing. Instead of getting the 5-frame nucs we had ordered, because of production shortages, the club received 235 6-framed nucs instead to fill out our purchase. That was a bonus worth \$10 if you were buying, but it caused the supplier to hold back on adding additional "insurance" nucs we traditionally receive to cover any queenless or blowout nucs that may occur. If you got a nice 6-framed nuc full of bees be thankful, but if you were unfortunate and ended up the other kind instead then you are struggling as the club tries to satisfy your outstanding needs. As always, I ask for your patience whatever the case while we work it out.



All things considered I feel we had another successful bee (nuc) procurement program while we wait on the delivery of the queens. Hopefully it will go smoother (on the 20<sup>th</sup>) and we can wrap the program up for another year.

As always, as the order coordinator, I stand ready to field any of your questions or complaints concerning the program, including replacements and refunds.

Thank you one more time to all those who were responsible for pickup, or facilitated the distribution, or just lent a helping hand...COULDN'T have done it without you.



Regards, Jimmie Oakley - Order Coordinator, cell: 512/507-3009 text or talk

# March Column from S.S. Brantley Marshall Beekeepers Association

If there is more swarming in May than there was in April, I will have to buy pre-assembled boxes by the pallet to keep up! Seriously, I hope you were able to curtail the swarming of your hives so you did not lose the majority of the field force that was supposed to be foraging the early blooming nectar producing blossoms that provide the lightest colored honey. If you have not experienced a honey harvest from your hives yet, you are in for a most delightful surprise. Honey ready for harvest in May will be much lighter than that produced in the later months. This is when award-winning honey is obtained! Fill a couple quart jars of your earliest honey and store it safely away until it is time to enter your club's honey tasting contest. You may have the award winning entry!

If you are able to extract some early honey in May, I suggest you return the wet frames to the hive to stimulate the bees desire to fill them again.

If you have a hive where the bees will not go up into the super, put a couple of these wet frames in the super. The bees will be drawn by the scent of honey into the super, often an immediate rush of bees upward to clean the wet combs. The bees will usually remain in the super and begin refilling the cleaned comb with nectar.

You can also use wet frames to entice bees to draw out new foundation. Many beekeepers will put a box of new foundation underneath the queen excluder to encourage the bees to begin drawing the comb. Adding one or two wet frames to the box of new foundation encourages the bees to work in the new foundation. As always with a box of new foundation, start with a full complement of frames until the bees complete drawing out the comb. You can then remove one frame and re-space the remaining frames, if you choose. If you start with only nine frames in a ten frame box, the bees will gladly fill the extra space with burr comb, leaving you with a mess.

In my area, the Chinese Tallow trees normally begin to bloom around the third week of May. Honeybees forage heavily on the Tallow blossoms. Now would be a great time for you to check the area near your hives for stands of Tallow trees. If you find stands of Tallow more than two miles from your apiary, you may want to consider moving your hives closer and take advantage of the amount of nectar these blossoms can produce in a very short time.

The Chinese Tallow is an interesting tree. Beekeepers love them because of their heavy nectar production. Homeowners love them for their beautiful fall color and their ability to survive drought conditions. However, they are listed as an invasive species by the Texas Invasive Species Institute and are known to spread rapidly unless grown in a controlled environment, often choking out other native plants. Google "chinese tallow invasive species" and "chinese tallow history" for some interesting reading, including why Benjamin Franklin brought the first seeds to America. While I encourage you to take advantage of any Tallow forage you may find, I do not encourage you to plant Tallow trees where they can take over native environment.

During the honey flow is a great time to start new Nucs or full-sized hives. Mated queens are readily available from various suppliers for you to add to a new hive. You can also use queen cells from an existing hive to start a new colony. If you find a frame in your existing hive with an unhatched queen cell, pull that frame and place it in a new box with frames containing honey, pollen and nurse bees. Leave this "split" undisturbed for about 21 days. This will give the cell time to hatch and the queen to make a mating flight. After 21 days, check for evidence of eggs and young brood to confirm that you do indeed have a laying queen.



*The Chinese Tallow*





*Jim Colbert, Past President, at Ray Elementary School in Hutto where he was supposed to be giving presentations on the Honey Bee*

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*Jim Colbert with Executive Chef Patrick Taylor and Lead Cook Trisha Kick on the roof of the Sheraton Hotel, Georgetown, inspecting their new bees.*



*Honey Bee on Bluebonnet*