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<b>Eastern Cape</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here, but beekeepers are moving hives to those species from this province.)</i>	<b>Exotic forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	May-Jul	
			Eucalyptus cladocalyx *	Sugar gum	Dec-Feb	
			Eucalyptus conferruminata *	Spider gum	Aug-Sep	
			Eucalyptus diversicolor *	Karri gum	Feb-Apr	
			Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia	Red flowering gum	Jun-Jul	
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Aug-Oct	
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Allium cepa	Onion	Oct-Dec	
			Citrus spp.	Citrus	Sep-Nov	
			Daucus carota	Carrot	Nov-Dec	
			Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne	Sep-Mar	
			Malus domestica	Apple	Oct-Nov	
			Persea americana	Avocado	Aug-Oct	
		<b>Suburban plantings</b>	Phytolacca dioica *	Ombú	Oct-Dec	
			Schinus terebinthifolius *	Brazilian pepper	Nov-Apr	
				Suburban gardens	Sep-Jan	
		<b>Weeds</b>	Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild radish	Apr-Aug	
		<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn	Sep-Dec
				Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^	Common hook thorn	Oct-Mar
	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^			Sweet thorn	Sep-Mar	
	Aloe ferox			Red aloe	Jul-Aug	
	Erica spp.			Erica spp.	Jan-Dec	
	Euclea spp.			Guarris	May-Sep	
	Juncus spp.			Rush	May-Dec	
	Mesembs			Mesembs	Jan-Dec	
	Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata			Wild olive	Jan-Dec	
	Protea spp.			Protea spp.	Jan-Dec	
	Salix mucronata			Cape silver willow	Aug-Oct	
	Scutia myrtina			Cat thorn	Dec	
Searsia lancea	Karee			Dec-Apr		
<b>Vegetation units</b>			Eastern Cape Thicket	Jan-Dec		
			Indigenous Forest	Jan-Dec		
			Coastal fynbos	Jan-Dec		
			Mountain Fynbos	Dec-Apr		
			Karoo	Jan-Dec		
			Bushveld	Jan-Dec		

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<b>Free State</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province.)</i>	<b>Exotic forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey ironbark gum	Sep-Mar
			Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia	Red flowering gum	Dec-Feb
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Aug-Mar
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne	Nov-Mar
		<b>Suburban plantings</b>		Suburban gardens	Aug-Oct
		<b>Weeds</b>	Echium plantagineum *	Echium/Bloublom	Aug-Nov
			Bidens formosa	Cosmos	Mar-May
			Hypochaeris radicata	False dandelion	Aug-Oct
			Plantago lanceolata	Plantain	Aug-Oct
			Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild radish	Apr-Dec
	<b>Indigenous/Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn	Oct-Jan
			Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^	Common hook thorn	Oct-Jan
			Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Oct-Jan
			Searsia lancea	Karee	Apr-May
			Senecio apiifolius	Winter weed	May-Aug
<b>Vegetation units</b>			Karoo	Aug-Mar	

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<b>Gauteng</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here, but beekeepers are moving hives to those species.)</i>	<b>Exotic Forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow box gum	Oct-Feb
			Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum	Sep-Mar
			Eucalyptus cladocalyx *	Sugar gum	Oct-Dec
			Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia	Red flowering gum	Jun-Jan
			Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Oct-Feb
			Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey ironbark gum	Aug-Feb
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Feb-Oct
			Eucalyptus tereticornis *	Forest red gum	May-Oct
			Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna gum	Mar-Jun
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Citrus spp.	Citrus	May-Sep
			Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Jan-Mar
			Litchi spp.	Litchi	Aug
			Macadamia spp.	Macadamia	Oct
			Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne	Sep-Mar
			Magnifera indica	Mango	Aug
			Passiflora edulis	Granadilla	Aug-Apr
			Persea americana	Avocado	Oct-Dec
			Phaseolus vulgaris	Kidney beans	Jan-Mar
			Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	Oct-Feb
			Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane	Dec-May
		Vaccinium spp.	Blueberry	Jun-Dec	
		<b>Suburban plantings</b>	Jacaranda mimosifolia *	Jacaranda	Aug-Nov
			Schinus terebinthifolius *	Brazillian pepper	Nov-Mar
				Suburban gardens	Sep-Apr
		<b>Weeds</b>	Acacia decurrens *	Green wattle	Jul-Sep
			Bidens formosa	Cosmos	Jan-May
			Bidens pilosa	Black jack	Feb-Apr
			Hypochaeris radicata	False dandelion	Feb-Apr
Prosopis spp. *	Prosopis spp.		Sep-Oct		
Tagetes minuta	Khakhi bush		Oct-Apr		

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<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn	Oct-Jan
			Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^	Common hook thorn	Sep-Jan
			Acacia / Senegalia galpinii	Monkey thorn	Sep-Jan
			Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Oct-Jan
			Agathosma spp.	Buchu	Dec
			Aloe grandidentata	Kanniedood	May-Jul
			Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe	Jun-Sep
			Aloe marlothii	Mountain aloe	May-Jul
			Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus	Sep-Oct
			Combretum spp.	Bushwillow	Oct-Jan
			Dombeya rotundifolia	Wild pear	Aug-Sep
			Faurea saligna	Bushveld boekenhout	Nov-Jan
			Protea spp.	Protea spp.	Nov-Jan
			Scutia myrtina	Cat thorn	Nov-Jan
			Searsia lancea	Karee	Feb-Jul
			Senecio apiifolius	Winter weed	Apr-Jul
		Ziziphus mucronata	Buffalo thorn	Oct-Jan	
	<b>Vegetation units</b>		Bushveld	Jan-Dec	

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<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here.)</i>	Exotic Forage	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> incl plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Jan-Jul
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Aug-Mar
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Allium cepa	Onion	Mar
			Aspalathus linearis	Rooibos	Oct-Feb
			Brassica napus var. oleifera	Canola	Jun
			Citrus spp.	Citrus	Aug-Nov
			Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Feb-Mar
			Litchi spp.	Litchi	Sep-Oct
			Macadamia spp.	Macadamia	Aug-Oct
			Persea americana	Avocado	Jul-Nov
			Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane	Nov-Jan
			Vitis vinifera	Grape	Mar
	<b>Suburban plantings</b>		Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec	
	Indigenous / Natural Forage	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Nov-Jan
			Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe	May
			Halleria spp.	Halleria spp.	May-Dec
			Searsia lancea	Karee	Aug-Sep
			Ziziphus mucronata	Buffalo thorn	Oct-Feb
<b>Vegetation units</b>			Indigenous Forest	Jan-Dec	
			Eastern Cape Thicket	Dec-Jan	

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<b>Limpopo</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here.)</i>	<b>Exotic Forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Feb-Aug
			Eucalyptus diversicolor *	Karri gum	Jan-Apr
			Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey ironbark gum	May-Jun
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Citrus spp.	Citrus	May-Jul
			Cucurbita sp.	Pumpkin	Jan-Mar
			Cucurbita sp. (Butternut)	Butternut	Nov-Mar
			Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Nov-Mar
			Litchi spp.	Litchi	Nov-Mar
			Macadamia spp.	Macadamia	May-Oct
			Magnifera indica	Mango	Aug-Nov
			Persea americana	Avocado	Mar-Apr
	Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane	Feb-Mar		
	<b>Suburban plantings</b>		Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec	
	<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn	Sep-Nov
			Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^	Common hook thorn	Oct-Jan
			Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Dec-Jan
			Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe	Jun-Jul
			Faurea saligna	Bushveld boekenhout	Sep-Nov
			Searsia lancea	Karee	Sep-Nov
<b>Vegetation units</b>			Indigenous Forest	Sep-Mar	
		Bushveld	Sep-Jan		

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<b>Mpumalanga</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here, but beekeepers are moving hives to those species from this province.)</i>	<b>Exotic Forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum	Jun-Nov
			Eucalyptus fastigata	Brown barrel gum	Dec-Jan
			Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Feb-Jun
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Mar-Aug
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Brassica napus var. oleifera	Canola	Jul-Aug
			Citrus spp.	Citrus	Aug-Nov
			Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Feb-Mar
			Litchi spp.	Litchi	Aug-Nov
			Macadamia spp.	Macadamia	Sep-Dec
			Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne	Nov-Mar
			Magnifera indica	Mango	Sep-Nov
			Malus domestica	Apple	Oct-Dec
			Persea americana	Avocado	Sep-Oct
			Phaseolus vulgaris	Kidney beans	Jan-Mar
			Psidium guajava	Guava	Sep-Dec
			Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	Feb-Mar
			Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane	Nov-May
			Vitis vinifera	Grape	Mar
	<b>Suburban plantings</b>		Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec	
	<b>Weeds</b>	Bidens formosa	Cosmos	Mar-Apr	
		Bidens pilosa	Black jack	Feb-Apr	
	<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Dec-Feb
			Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe	Jun-Aug
			Aloe marlothii	Mountain aloe	Jun-Aug
			Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus	Sep-Nov
			Combretum spp.	Bushwillow	Jun-Aug
			Dombeya rotundifolia	Wild pear	Jul-Sep
			Euclea natalensis	Natal guarri	Jun-Nov
Faurea saligna			Bushveld boekenhout	Dec-Feb	
Halleria lucida			Tree fuchsia	Jun-Nov	
Searsia chirindensis			Red currant	Aug-Dec	
Searsia lancea			Karee	Jul-Aug	
Senecio apiifolius			Winter weed	Jun-Aug	
Ziziphus mucronata			Buffalo thorn	Sep-Nov	
<b>Vegetation units</b>		Bushveld	Jan-Dec		
		Indigenous Forest	Sep-Nov		

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<b>Northern Cape</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here.)</i>	<b>Exotic Forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Mar-Aug
			Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum	Nov
			Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow box gum	Sep-Oct
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Allium cepa	Onion	Oct-Nov
			Cucurbita sp.	Pumpkin	Oct-Mar
			Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	Feb-Mar
			Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne	Sep-Mar
		<b>Suburban plantings</b>	Schinus terebinthifolius *	Brazillian pepper	Jan-Mar
				Suburban gardens	Nov-Mar
		<b>Weeds</b>	Hypochaeris radicata	False dandelion	Aug-Oct
			Prosopis spp. *	Prosopis spp.	Oct-Dec
		<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn
	Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^			Common hook thorn	Aug
	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^			Sweet thorn	Dec-Jan
	Acacia tortilis / Vachellia tortilis ^			Umbrella thorn	Nov-Mar
	Aloe grandidentata			Kanniedood	Jul-Aug
	Aloe marlothii			Mountain aloe	Jun-Sep
	Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata			Wild olive	Jan-Mar
	Searsia lancea			Karee	Feb-Apr
	Senecio apiifolius			Winter weed	May-Aug
	Ziziphus mucronata			Buffalo thorn	Oct-Jan
Zygophyllum spp.				Jun-Jul	
<b>Vegetation units</b>		Namaqualand & Renosterveld	Jul-Sep		
		Karoo	May-Aug		

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<b>North West</b> <i>(Beekeeper home province. Some species may not occur here.)</i>	<b>Exotic Forage</b>	<b>Forestry (Eucalyptus)</b> includes formal plantations and other stands	Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Nov-Feb
			Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum	Sep-Dec
			Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow box gum	May-Dec
			Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey ironbark gum	Apr-Aug
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Mar-Oct
			Eucalyptus tereticornis *	Forest red gum	Sep-Nov
			Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna gum	Nov-Jan
		<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Cucurbita sp.	Pumpkin	Dec-Jan
			Macadamia spp.	Macadamia	Jan-Apr
		<b>Suburban plantings</b>		Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec
		<b>Weeds</b>	Bidens formosa	Cosmos	Mar-May
			Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild radish	May-Jul
		<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia / Senegalia mellifera ^	Hook thorn
	Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra ^			Common hook thorn	Sep-Dec
	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^			Sweet thorn	Oct-Jan
	Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana			Spotted aloe	Jul-Aug
	Aloe marlothii			Mountain aloe	Jun-Jul
	Searsia lancea			Karee	Apr-Jul
	Ziziphus mucronata			Buffalo thorn	Nov-Jan
	<b>Vegetation units</b>			Bushveld	Sep-Jan

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			Eucalyptus cladocalyx *	Sugar gum	Dec-Mar
			Eucalyptus conferruminata *	Spider gum.	Sep-Mar
			Eucalyptus diversicolor *	Karri gum	Sep-Apr
			Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia	Red flowering gum	Sep-Apr
			Eucalyptus gomphocephala	Tuart gum	Nov-May
			Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum	Sep-May
			Eucalyptus / Corymbia maculata	Spotted gum	Feb-Jun
			Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow box gum	Aug-Feb
			Eucalyptus paniculata	Grey ironbark gum	Aug-Oct
			Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum	Mar-Sep
			Eucalyptus tereticornis *	Forest red gum	Aug-Nov
			Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna gum	Feb-Jun
			<b>Agricultural crops</b>	Allium cepa	Onion
		Brassica napus var. oleifera		Canola	Jun-Sep
		Brassica sp. (Broccoli)		Broccoli	Apr-Nov
		Brassica sp. (Cabbage)		Cabbage	Jul-Aug
		Brassica sp. (Cauliflower)		Cauliflower	Apr-Nov
		Citrus spp.		Citrus	May-Nov
		Cucurbita sp.		Pumpkin	Dec-Mar
		Daucus carota		Carrot	Nov-Dec
		Helianthus annuus		Sunflower	Jan-Mar
		Macadamia spp.		Macadamia	Aug-Feb
		Medicago sativa		Lusern/Lucerne	Oct-Apr
		Magnifera indica		Mango	Nov-Jan
		Malus domestica		Apple	Sep-Nov
		Prunus spp.		Prune/Plum	Aug-Nov
		Psidium guajava		Guava	Apr-Dec
		Pyrus communis		Pear	Sep-Nov
		Rubus idaeus		Raspberry	Feb-Mar
		Trifolium spp.		Clover	Jul-Sep
		Vicia dasycarpa	Purple vetch	Mar-Apr	
		Vitis vinifera	Grape	Dec-Mar	
<b>Suburban plantings</b>	Quercus robur	English oak	Sep		
	Schinus terebinthifolius *	Brazillian pepper	Oct-May		
		Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec		

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			Hypochaeris radicata	False dandelion	Feb-Apr	
			Leptospermum laevigatum *	Coastal Tea Tree	Aug-Sep	
			Myoporum tenuifolium *	Manatoka	Sep-Nov	
			Prosopis spp. *	Prosopis spp.	Oct-Jan	
			Raphanus raphanistrum	Wild radish	May-Oct	
	<b>Indigenous / Natural Forage</b>	<b>Natural species or species groups</b>	Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn	Nov-Jan	
			Agathosma spp.	Buchu	Mar-Oct	
			Aloe ferox	Red aloe	Jun-Jul	
			Aloe marlothii	Mountain aloe	Jul	
			Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus	Sep-Oct	
			Carpobrotus edulis	Sour fig	Aug-Oct	
			Erica spp.	Erica spp.	Apr-Oct	
			Euclea spp.	Guarris	Jan	
			Euryops Virgineus	Honey euryops	Nov-Jan	
			Isoglossa eckloniana	Buckweed	Mar-Jul	
			Mesembs	Mesembs	Aug-Feb	
			Morella cordifolia	Wasbossie	Jan-Feb	
			Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata	Wild olive	May-Aug	
			Oxalis pes-caprae ^	Buttercup oxalis	Jan-Mar	
			Oxalis stricta	Common yellow woodsorrel	Aug-Oct	
			Protea spp.	Protea spp.	May-Dec	
			Scutia myrtina	Cat thorn	Mar-Jul	
			Searsia lancea	Karee	Oct-May	
			Searsia pedulina	White karee	Apr-May	
			Watsonia fourcadei	Watsonia fourcadei	Jul-Sep	
			Zygophyllum spp.		Mar-Apr	
			<b>Vegetation units</b>		Coastal fynbos	Jan-Dec
					Mountain fynbos	Jan-Dec
					Strandveld	Jan-Dec
	Karoo	Jan-Dec				
	Indigenous Forest	Jan-Dec				
	Namaqualand & Renosterveld	Jan-Dec				
	Bushveld	May				

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