

BEE PLANTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Try to plant indigenous and exotic trees ,since the exotic trees flower at a different time than indigenous trees. It is beter to plant bee plants in groups or layers. Always remember to put out some water for the bees to drink.

Indigenous trees recommended by beekeepers:

- Sweet thorn
- Karee
- Bush willows
- Weeping wattle
- Euculptus
- Acacia

Colourful indigenous plants include:

- Agapanthus
- Aloes
- Asparagus fern
- Cape violets
- Clivia
- Lion's ear
- Osteospernum
- Vygies
- Euryops daisy
- Felicia
- Gazania
- Carpet geranium
- Ribbon bush
- Butterfly bush
- Fynbos



Attractive exotic plants:

- Alyssum
- Aster
- Calendula
- Forget-me-not
- Iris
- Nepeta
- Hollyhock
- Michaelmass
- Daisies
- Poppies
- Primula
- Salvia
- Nasturgiums
- Honeysuckles
- Cosmos
- Sedum
- Sunflower
- Zinnia
- Rose

Crops:

- All citrus variety's
- Lucerne
- Canola
- Sunflower
- Kidney beans
- Buckwheat
- Lichi
- Mango
- Sisal
- Macadamia
- Almonds



Herbs and vegetables:

- Cucumber spice
- Coriander
- Pumpkin
- Courgettes
- Fennel
- Strawberries
- Lavender
- Mint
- Catnip
- Grenadella
- Peach
- Goosberries
- Basil
- Marjoram
- Origanum
- Apricots
- Plum
- Sage
- Thyme
- Beans
- Grapes
- Rosemary
- Chives
- Borage

Israel:

In Israel people planted 1 million trees in the last 10 years as forage for bees. Desert lanscape in Israel goes without rain for 6 months of the year. The million trees provides them with enough honey for exportation (3600 tons of honey per year), where previously there was not even enough honey in Israel to provide for there own needs.

<p><u>Balance:</u> 40% trees 10% shrubs 50% pasture</p>



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