

Calendar of common flowering native plants and insect activity



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Term	Month	spiky ball or cylinder	Bell or tube	Open Bowl of petals, or daisy-like	**		
1	January	or Banksia (e.g.serrata) Callistemon Eucalyptus (e.g.ficifolia, red flowering gum) Grevillea (e.g. poorinda) Kunzea parvifolia Melaleuca	♥ Anigozanthus (Kangaroo paw) Pandorea (e.g.,jasminoides) ₱ Epacris pulchella (NSW coral heath) Leucopogon	Bursaria spinosa Crowea exalta Cassia artemisoides Baeckea Dianella Patersonia sericea Brachyscome microcarpa Scaevola (e.g.aemula) Leptospermum	♥ Viola hederacea	Native Bees* Butterflies Hoverflies Beetles Wasps Katydids Grasshoppers Ants	
	February	Eucalyptus e.g saligna, Sydney Blue gum; haemastoma, scribbly gum Grevilled(e.g. sericea) Melaleuca (e.g. decussata)	Persoonia (e.g.levis, Geebung) V Anigozanthus (Kangaroo paw) Pittosporum (e.g revolutum)	Baeckea (e.g.linifolia) V Patersonia sericea	♥ Westringia	Native Bees* Butterflies Hoverflies Beetles Wasps Katydids Grasshoppers Ants	
	March	or Or Grevillea Hakea Melaleuca (e.g. thymifolia)	♥ Lambertia formosa	V Helichrysum bracteata (also named Bracteantha bracteata or Xerochrysum bracteata, strawflowers.		Native Bees* Hoverflies Beetles Wasps Hawkmoths	



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2	April	TEucalyptus (e.g maculata spotted gum) Callistemon Acacia (e.g.linifolia) Syzygium (Lilly Pilly)		Hibbertia Crowea		Hawkmoths Butterflies Moths Beetles Bees Wasps Ants
	May	Banksia (e.g.ericifolia) Callistemon Eucalyptus or Grevillea or Hakea Melaleuca (e.g.quinquenerva)	* Epacris		W estringia	Hawkmoths Butterflies Moths Beetles Bees Wasps Ants
	June	Acacia suaveolens Callistemon Eucalyptus (e.g.citriodora) Grevillea Hakea Kunzea	♥ Correa	Crowea Dampiera (e.g.stricta)		Beetles Bees Ants



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	August	or Acacia Eucalyptus (e.g.citriodora) Grevillea Hakea Kunzea	Styphelia tubiflora Lambertia formosa Epacris obtusifolia	Pimelia rosea Hymenosporum flavum (Native frangipani) Brachyscome microcarpa Gymea Lily	♥ Dillwynia floribunda ≷ Hardenbergia	Beetles Bees Ants Grasshoppers
	September	or Acacia Banksia (e.g caleyi, baueri) Grevillea Kunzea ambigua Telopea speciosissima (Waratah)	Lomandra longifolia Epacris Correa reflexa Pittosporum	Pimelia linifolia (rice flower) Eriostemon myoporoides Hibbertia Scaevola Clematis aristata Tetratheca ericifolia Boronia serrulata (native rose) Patersonia sericea Brachyscome macrocarpa U Dianella caerula	Bossiaea Gompholobium grandiflora V Orchids	Beetles Wasps Bees Butterflies Flies Ants Grasshoppers

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	November	or Acacia or Banksia marginata or Grevillea or Callistemon or Melaleuca	Leucopogon Billardiera scandens Persoonia (Geebung)	Tetratheca ciliata V Actinotus (flannel flower) Eriostemon Olearia phlogopappa V Patersonia sericea V Brachyscome microcarpa V Helichrysum	Selycine clandestina Dillwynia Pultenaea juniperina Kennedia Oxylobium	Native Bees* Butterflies Hoverflies Beetles Wasps Hawkmoths Katydids Grasshoppers
	December	Grevillea (e.g. robusta) Kunzea pomifera (Muntries) Melaleuca (e.g. armillaris) Syzygium (lilly pilly)	Lambertia formosa Brachychiton acerifolia (Illawarra flame tree)	Wahlenbergia gloriosa Ceratopetalum gummiferum (Christmas Bush) W Brachycome (e.g. Formosa) W Brachyscome microcarpa Crowea exaltata Olearia phlogopappa	Selycine clandestina	Native Bees* Butterflies Hoverflies Beetles Hawkmoths Katydids Grasshoppers