

What is Feeding our Foragers?

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March

- In March the queen gets busy laying, trying to increase their numbers for the upcoming nectar flow.
- Pollen is what these babies are going to need!! it is the protein source for honey bees.
- This time of year it is vital for the bees to have access to a diverse variety of pollen for optimal health.



TREES

Silver & Red Maple ~ pollen & nectar





<u>Shrubs</u>

Pussy Willows ~ pollen & nectar



American Hazelnut ~ pollen





Garden Plants

Lenten Roses (Hellebore) ~ pollen & nectar

Crocus ~ pollen & nectar





Naturalized

Invasives

Henbit & Creeping Speedwell





- Bees only forage from one type of a flower at a time so it is important that there is an abundance of that plant. That is what is so wonderful about trees & shrubs - they provide a lot of food all in one place!
- Take a look around your bee yard and see what you have and what you might need
- Just a reminder ~ the more different food sources you have for your honey bees the healthier and stronger they will be.

