



Availability of Nectar and Pollen Sources for Honey Bees in Oman

Hossam F. Abou-Shaara

*Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, Damanhour University,
Damanhour, 22516, Egypt
E-mail: hossam.farag@agr.dmu.edu.eg*

KEYWORDS Colonies. Feeding Flowering. Flora. Plants

ABSTRACT Currently, beekeeping contributes in the economic development of many countries. This agricultural activity has gained more attention in various countries during the last few years, and beekeeping activities are increasing rapidly in Oman. The availability of many food sources to honey bees is very essential for the development of beekeeping. Thus, listing potential honey bee plants is very essential to help boosting beekeeping. In this paper, previous studies on honey bee plants in Oman as well as potential honey bee plants are reviewed. In fact, few studies have been conducted on bee plants in Oman. A good number of plant species including fruits, field crops, vegetables and wild plants that can feed honey bees were surveyed as shown in this review. The flowering period of these plants can cover the whole year. This study can be considered as an essential step towards understanding the bee flora in Oman.