

4 Farming Practices to Encourage Australian Native Bees



Top Left (clockwise)
Lucerne flower – Photo Karen O'Malley
Native Bee – Photo Megan Halcroft
Cherry Blossom – Photo NSW DPI

Diversify your bee population to maximize pollination services

- **Welcome legumes in your pastures.** Legumes are not only good for the soil and your livestock, natives bees love flowering clovers, medics, vetches, peas and lucerne.
- **Identify and protect nesting areas.** Natural and semi-natural habitats are needed by native bees. Many natives congregate to make tunnel nests in bare patches of soil, or in old borer holes in dead trees and logs.
- **Plant a year long feast.** When establishing new windbreaks, habitat corridors or revegetating riparian zones, select a wide mix of native plants with successive bloom times, varied flower shapes and diverse colours. Bees require a diversity of pollen and nectar sources for optimal health.
- **Be wise with pesticides.** When choosing a pesticide, consider its toxicity to native pollinators. Maintain pesticide free areas on your property. Calibrate spray equipment regularly. Never spray flowering plants when bees are actively foraging.

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