

2023 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #10a

This issue will be continued with a part 2 next week. I heard of the first swarm in this area two weeks ago. I have heard of several more in the Raleigh area. Our plants and bees are ahead of last years schedule by at least two weeks. I noticed buds on the Tulip Poplar tree in our front yard. That is an important honey crop here. Make sure you have equipment ready to super your hives.

Even with the colder normal temperatures, our bees will be flying during mid afternoon. I am back logged on using my microscope to identify pollen samples which I have been taking on a regular basis. It seems like there is color where-ever I look. Bradford pear, cherry, and a host of others. I do have holly in bloom and I see native bees working it hard but only a few honeybees and yellow jackets.

My friends in the north -- this is all coming your way soon.