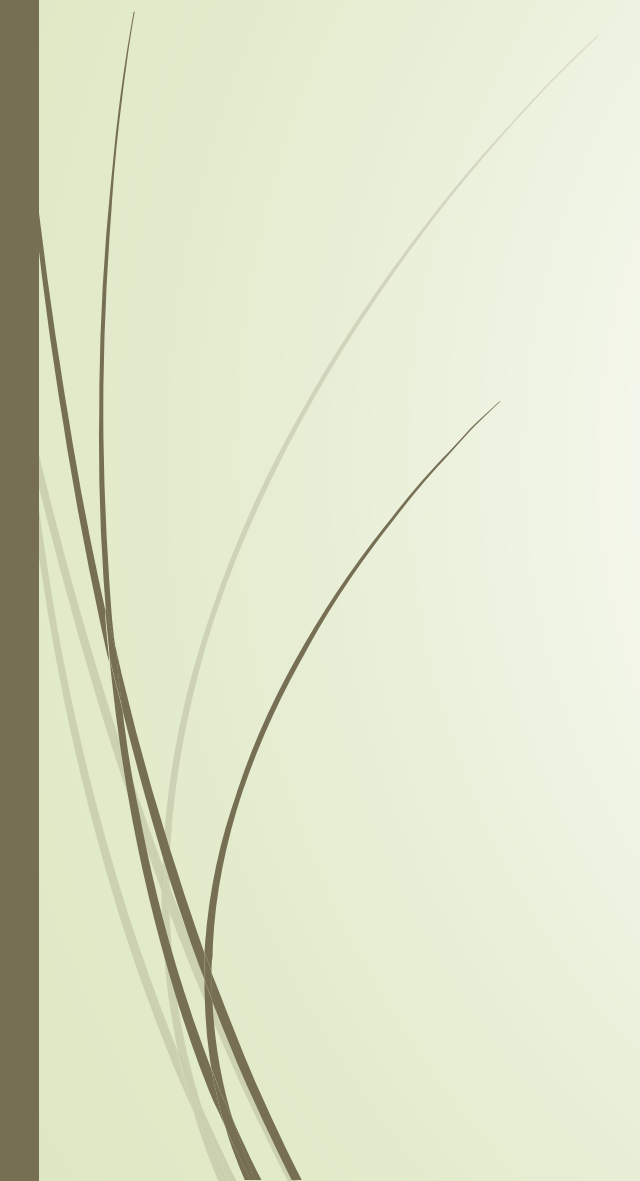


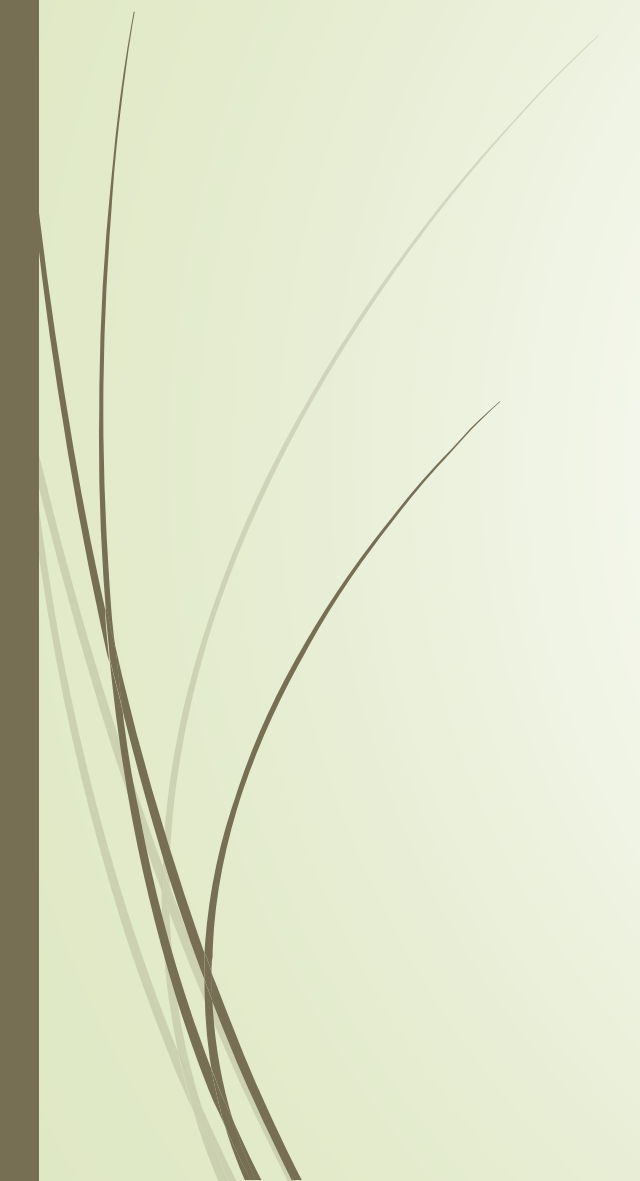


January Monthly Tips:

- ▶ Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored supers haven't evaporated.
 - ▶ Provide a wind break from cold north winds. Consider facing hives to the south. Be sure to tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
 - ▶ Check the weight of the top box every other week. If light, feed sugar syrup.
 - ▶ Only go into hives on warm sunny days. Preferably 65 degrees or higher outside temperatures
 - ▶ Winter is a good time to begin preparing for spring.
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A few blooming nectar plants:

- ▶ Dandelion – Seeing in my yard now
 - ▶ Winged Elm – Will be blooming soon, seeing buds
 - ▶ Flowering Quince – Will be blooming soon, seeing buds
 - ▶ Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
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Dandelion

Scientific name: Taraxacum

Family: Asteraceae

Taraxacum is a large genus of flowering plants in the family Asteraceae, which consists of species commonly known as dandelions. They are native to Eurasia and North America, but the two commonplace species worldwide, *T. officinale* and *T. erythrospermum*, were introduced from Europe and now propagate as wildflowers.

Did you know: Dandelion flowers can be used to make dandelion wine, for which there are many recipes. (Dandelion Mead anyone?) The roots are used medicinally. The leaves are a common edible green



Winged Elm

Ulmus alata (Elm family)

Native

Bloom: Jan-March

Winged Elm provides good to excellent
Browse value for deer, goats and cattle.
Squirrels and songbirds eat the samara
(seeds) and buds. Good, low maintenance
shade tree.

Photos by: Jan Hodson



Flowering Quince

Chaenomeles japonica
(key-NOM-me-lees ja-PON-eh-cah)

First shrub to bloom each year.

Deciduous - Full sun to part shade

**Drought tolerant but not very attractive
in the summer- Native to China**

