

Additional Beekeeping Educational Resources



Suggested Reading - Books

Top Bar Hive Beekeeping

- [Top-Bar Beekeeping: Organic Practices for Honeybee Health](#) by Les Crowder and Heather Harrell
 - My personal favorite of all bee books so far – everything you need to know, and nothing you don't; great diagrams for TBH management
- [The Barefoot Beekeeper](#) by Philip Chandler

Langstroth Beekeeping (primarily)

- [The Complete Idiot's Guide to Beekeeping](#) by Dean Stiglitz and Laurie Herboldsheimer
- [Beekeeping in Coastal California](#) by Jeremy Rose
 - Great for learning about the seasonal cycle of bees. Also a good resource for learning about what local plants and trees are used by the bees as forage, month by month.
- [The Backyard Beekeeper - Revised and Updated: An Absolute Beginner's Guide to Keeping Bees in Your Yard and Garden...](#) by Kim Flottum

Entertaining and Educational Reading

- [The Hive: The Story of the Honeybee and Us](#) by Bee Wilson
- [Sweetness and Light: The Mysterious History of the Honeybee](#) by Hattie Ellis
- [Stein, Stung](#) by Hal Ackerman

Honey Bee Ecology and Biology Reading

- [The Biology of the Honey Bee](#) by Mark L. Winston

Bee Products

- [Super Formulas, Arts and Crafts: How to Make More Than 360 Useful Products That Contain Honey and Beeswax](#) by Elaine C. White

Movies

- [More Than Honey](#) by Markus Imhoof
- [Queen of the Sun](#)
- [Vanishing of the Bees](#)

Publications

[American Bee Journal](#)

[Bee Culture](#)

[Beekeeping for Development](#)

[Journal of Apicultural Research and Bee World](#)

Internet Resources

- www.youtube.com – Find out how to do almost anything by watching a video of someone else doing it.
- www.sbba.org – Santa Barbara Beekeepers Association – A great organization doing great things for bees and our community. Consider becoming a member and enjoy benefits such as free apiary visits with experienced beekeepers and other events that will connect you to the local beekeeping community.
- www.beeguildsb.org – Beekeepers Guild of Santa Barbara – a public forum that meets regularly to discuss all things bees.
- [Santa Barbara Beekeepers Google Group](#) – The predecessor to SBBA, started by Krista Harris of Edible Santa Barbara. Get answers to your questions answered here by the online beekeeping community.
- www.fortheloveofbees.com – Les Crowder's website, TBH aficionado. Les sums up why he uses top bar hives instead of Langstroth hives very eloquently on this website [here](#).
- www.livehives.com – Andrew West's website. See also www.djthrifty.com (not bee related)

Beekeeping Gear and Supplies

Bee Thinking – Exclusively TBH and Warre Hives – www.beethinking.com

Mann Lake – A good, employee-owned company that sells online – www.mannlakeltd.com

Regulations and Registration

Each city in our county has different regulations on beekeeping. All regulations are enforced by the county Agriculture Commissioner, Guy Tingos, Deputy Commissioner. gtingos@co.santabarbara.ca.us

Beekeepers are required to register their hives yearly with the commissioner.