



## PAGDEN ARTIFICIAL SWARM PROCEDURE

1. MOVE THE HIVE MORE THAN 3 FEET FROM CURRENT SITE
2. SET UP A NEW HIVE ON THE ORIGINAL SITE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER FROM BOTTOM TO TOP -  
FLOOR, QUEEN EXCLUDER, BROOD BOX WITH 11 NEW FRAMES
3. REMOVE THE 2 CENTRE FRAMES AND PLACE THE FRAME WITH THE QUEEN AND ANOTHER FRAME WITH FOOD FROM THE HIVE BEING SPLIT INTO THOSE CENTRE SPACES, CHECK NEITHER FRAME HAS ANY QUEEN CELLS.
4. ADD THE ORIGINAL QUEEN EXCLUDER, SUPER, CROWN BOARD AND ROOF.
5. \*\* REMOVE LOWER QUEEN EXCLUDER AFTER 5 DAYS MAXIMUM \*\*
6. THIS HIVE IS NOW CALLED THE ARTIFICIAL SWARM AND HAS THE ORIGINAL QUEEN AND ALL THE FLYING BEES. WITHOUT BROOD TO RAISE THEY WILL DRAW COMB IN THE BROOD BOX AND CONTINUE TO FILL THE SUPER.
7. THE HIVE THAT MOVED MORE THAN 3 FEET IS NOW CALLED THE MOTHER HIVE
8. ADD THE 2 UNDRAWN FRAMES TAKEN FROM THE ARTIFICIAL SWARM HIVE INTO THE BROOD BOX
9. GO THROUGH ALL FRAMES AND LEAVE ONE or TWO QUEEN CELLS, THE BEST ONE IS THE UNCAPPED ONE WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE LARVA IN ROYAL JELLY, BUT IF THEY ARE ALL SEALED CHOOSE ONE/TWO AND BREAK DOWN THE REST.
10. THIS COLONY CONTAINS JUST BROOD AND NURSE BEES SO NEEDS TO BE FED IF FOOD STORES ARE NOT PLENTIFUL .
11. ADD CROWN BOARD, EKE, FEEDER AND ROOF.
12. KEEP SYRUP TOPPED UP FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO ALLOW THE NEW QUEEN TO EMERGE AND THE HIVE TO BUILD UP AGAIN.

# TO PREPARE FOR A PAGDEN PROCEDURE

SET UP 2 BAGS OF EQUIPMENT.

## **BAG 1 –**

ARTIFICIAL SWARM FLOOR  
BOTTOM QUEEN EXCLUDER  
BROOD BOX WITH 11 FRAMES OF UNDRAWN WAX

## **BAG 2 –**

MOTHER HIVE  
CROWN BOARD  
EKE  
FEEDER  
ROOF

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