

# Vivaldi Board

The Vivaldi Board is designed to span the four seasons of the year. A useful tool to provide ventilation, moisture control, and feed via a Top Feeder. It is placed above the upper most box in the hive. If the hive has an Inner Cover, remove it, as the Vivaldi Board suffices. You will have easy access to providing your bees with the resources they will need to thrive through any season.

There are two screened opening on opposite ends of the Vivaldi Board that allow ventilation. During winter months these ventilation slots draw the warm moist air out of the hive to reduce internal moisture. The underside of the Board has an additional entrance through the bottom of the board. If you need to cover up the additional entrance fill the gap with grass.



## Moisture Control

The Vivaldi Board provides a great way to control moisture in your hive. By filling it with a folded burlap sack (*not included*), the burlap acts as a sponge and will absorb the excess moisture built up in the hive through the opening in the bottom of the board. Other absorbent materials may be substituted (wood chips, old denim jeans).

The screened ends of the Vivaldi Board will help with ventilation and allow moisture to escape.

**Check the burlap sack periodically to see if it needs to be replaced.** Leaving an excessively saturated burlap sack in for too long can inadvertently cause more moisture damage to the hive.

## Feed

The Vivaldi Board comes with a screened box cover that you place just over the opening in the middle of the Board. This provides a small controlled environment where you can give

your hives a solid feed such as fondant or dry sugar. Having a small controlled location helps keep the bees from building comb throughout the Vivaldi Board.

To feed with dry sugar, just sprinkle some around the outside of the hole in the center and place the screened box over it until it covers both the hole and dry sugar. By then covering it with the burlap sack, you produce just enough moisture to make the dry sugar more digestible for the bees.