

Gardening for Wildlife- Top Tips

There are lots of ways you can help nature in your own garden. Here are some of our top tips for making your garden wildlife friendly.

Water for wildlife (water)

Having a source of water in your garden is one of the best ways to attract all sorts of species! Wildlife ponds are a great way of providing shelter for frogs, toads and insects, but take up quite a lot of space. If you don't have room for a pond, a bird bath or even a small container filled with water is a fantastic way of providing a source of water for birds and bees, especially in summer!



Somewhere to hide (shelter)

Creating areas where wildlife can hide is an important part of wildlife gardening. A log pile in a shady corner will be appreciated by everything from insects to hedgehogs. In smaller gardens, make sure that there is a shady area where wildlife can shelter from the heat of the sun or the worst of any rain. Bushes also help create areas for birds to hide and make nests.

Planting local (plants)

When deciding what to plant, try and pick native species. This will help create a rich habitat that wildlife can enjoy. Most native plants support more insects and birds than plants that have come from other places. Hedges are also a great way of providing some shelter and making sure wildlife can get between gardens.



Food for thought (food)



Making sure there is something for wildlife to eat is really important! Bird tables and feeders are great for attracting all sorts of birds to your garden and you can buy them from lots of places or make your own! Bees will be attracted to plants like sunflowers, ivy and foxgloves where they can collect pollen. Plants like lavender, holly and even nettles and brambles will help attract butterflies. Many of these plants will also help to create shelter for other species too.

Go green

Perhaps one of the most important things you can do is to go green in your garden. Avoid using chemicals and harmful pesticides which are dangerous for all wildlife, not just insects. Using water butts to collect rainwater is a great way to reduce water usage. It's also a free source of wildlife friendly water for your garden!