



Wildlife Checklist

This checklist will help you make sure you have some of the key features for attracting and supporting wildlife in your garden. The features below will also form the judging criteria for the wildlife garden competition.

Food features

- Pollinator-friendly plants
- Fruit trees
- Bird food - may be in feeders or on bird table
- Shrubs and plants with berries
- Vegetable patch or planter
- Herb patch or planter
- Food for hedgehogs

Shelter features

- Grass allowed to grow - not cut short
- Area with long grass
- Log pile or dead wood left
- Mini-beast home/hotel
- Bird boxes/homes
- Hedgehog home
- Mixed native hedge- e.g. holly, hawthorn
- Bat box/home
- Climbing plants - e.g. ivy, clematis

Water features

- Wildlife pond or mini-pond (no fish!)
- Bog or permanently wet area
- Water collection - i.e. water butt to collect rainwater
- Drought resistant plants
- Bird bath
- Pond or water source has access for hedgehogs

Garden management features

- Access - gaps in hedges or fences for hedgehogs and other wildlife
- Chemical free - no chemicals or pesticides used throughout
- Diverse habitat provided - e.g. areas of long grass, bare soil for solitary bees etc.
- Peat free compost used throughout
- Composting area - covered or uncovered
- Wormery
- Native plants and trees used throughout
- Recycled or upcycled planters or pond