



Mini Guide to Wildlife Gardening

Anyone can have a wildlife friendly garden, even those with very small gardens or just balconies can do their bit. Why not try putting up some bird feeders, erecting a nest box, a bee box, creating a mini pond (or a large one!) or making a butterfly feeder? Try planting bushes and flowers like Honeysuckle, Lavender or Buddleia to attract lots of butterflies and insects. Or create an open compost bin to attract grass snakes!



You can even attract mammals into your garden. Try leaving food out for hedgehogs (make or buy a hedgehog feeding station so cats and dogs can't get to it!) make a hedgehog hibernation box or erect bat boxes. Talk to your neighbors to see if you can create a wildlife corridor by creating gaps in fences for wildlife to travel through (a 15cm gap is needed for hedgehogs). Keep an eye out for foxes, particularly if you live in a city, they love kitchen scraps!



When wildlife does discover your garden remember to keep the feeders full, particularly in winter and the breeding season when animals need it most. Keep your feeding stations clean and regularly disinfected to keep bacteria and viruses at bay. And remember, your garden is one place you don't have to be too tidy! Log piles and dead leaves can create homes for insects and shelter for small creatures. So relax and enjoy all your new garden friends!



The Wildlife Garden Project is both a film and a website. We are transforming an ordinary garden into a haven for wildlife and making a film of the whole thing! Watch videos, get wildlife gardening tips, join our forum and get involved at www.wildlifegardenproject.com