

# The Wildlife Garden Project

## Mini Guide to Creating a Mini Pond

No garden space is too small for a pond! If you're unsure whether a pond is for you, why not try a mini-pond before digging a huge hole in your garden? Liven up even the tiniest space by filling an old pot, barrel or even an upturned bin lid with water. Use rubber lining to waterproof your container and spruce it up with striking aquatic plants to add a splash of colour. Soften the edges and blend it with its surroundings by using plants which hang over its sides.



You'll be amazed at the fantastic array of wildlife that a good, clean water source will bring to your garden. From frogs and newts to aquatic bugs or beetles, damselflies and dragonflies to all manner of birds looking to quench their thirst. Use bright flowering plants to attract butterflies, bees and other invertebrates. Most importantly, place your mini pond in full view where you can enjoy all of the wonders it brings!

Clip a waterspout to the side of your pond to circulate the water, keeping it aerated and healthy. Plant a mix of floating and submerged plants to oxygenate the water and add a couple of small fish to control pests. Trim back plants to prevent overcrowding and remove any stringy or bubbling algae. Replace water as it evaporates and keep clean of any falling debris and your mini pond will bustle with life. You'll be amazed by all the life such a tiny space attracts!



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](http://www.wildlifegardenproject.com)