

How wildlife friendly is your garden?

How many boxes can you tick?

- ☐ Nectar-rich flowers from spring to autumn (look for the RHS *Perfect for pollinators* logo  on plants and seed packets).



- ☐ Seed heads and berries left through the winter.



- ☐ Dead wood, log pile, stone pile, dead leaves.
- ☐ Fruit trees, berry-bearing shrubs, climbing plants on wall, fence or trellis (e.g. Ivy, honeysuckle, clematis) to provide food, shelter and nesting sites.

- ☐ Some lawn left to grow long for wild flowers.
- ☐ A way for hedgehogs to move in and out of your garden.



- ☐ Wildlife pond or sunken container, however small.



- ☐ A bird bath.
- ☐ Compost heap, compost bin or wormery.
- ☐ Rainwater butt.
- ☐ Compost which is peat-free.
- ☐ A chemical-free garden i.e. no pesticides, weed killer or non-organic slug pellets.

HELP AT THE CLICK OF A MOUSE

There are lots of organisations whose websites can give you ideas and advice.

- Royal Horticultural Society
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- The Woodland Trust
- The National Trust
- Wildlife Trusts
- Butterfly Conservation UK
- British Hedgehog Preservation Society

SOME EASY-TO-FIND PLANTS TO ATTRACT BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

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| Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crocuses • Pulmonaria (lungwort) • Primroses (Primula vulgaris, not polyanthus) • Cowslips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foxgloves • Geranium Rozanne* • Lavender • Marjoram • Scabious |
| Summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agastache, e.g. Black Adder • Buddleia • Catmint • Echinops (globe thistle) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbena bonariensis* <p>Autumn (*summer plants still flowering in Sept/Oct)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caryopteris • Michaelmas daisies • Sedums |

AVLAN, part of Alton Climate Action & Network (ACAN), is exploring ways to increase the planting of trees and wild flowers in and around Alton to improve biodiversity.

New volunteers are very welcome - to find out more, get occasional newsletters, get involved - contact



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A checklist for wildlife-friendly gardens

