

POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY GARDENING

With the pressures of intensive farming and loss of natural habitats in town and countryside, gardens are increasingly important havens for wildlife.

Planting 'pollinator-friendly' plants in your garden, school or place of work can help protect pollinating insects such as bees, hoverflies and butterflies. From garden veg plots to crops in the field and from wildflower meadows to hedgerows, pollinating insects are essential for our food and biodiversity.

Here are a few tips on how to make your own garden buzz with life.

SPRING INTO ACTION

Choose flowering plants that provide nectar and pollen from early spring right through the whole year.



GIVE A SOLITARY BEE A HOME

Attract solitary bee species to your garden by making a pollinator-friendly nest box or 'hotel' using bundles of hollowed-out twigs, or buy one from our shop.



SPRAYS AWAY!

Pesticides kill pollinators. Please don't use them in your garden.

GET INTO BEEKEEPING

If you are interested in the fascinating world of honey bees and beekeeping, why not attend one of the Garden's courses or demonstration days to find out more?

AVOID SHOW OFFS

Really showy plants that have double or multi-layered petals often lack nectar and pollen or make it difficult for pollinators to gain access. Try plants with clusters of small flowers or an open structure.

GO WILD

Think about leaving part of your garden to grow 'wild'. You might even sow some wildflower seeds to create an island of interest for pollinators. These are available in our shop.

