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All gardens have some wildlife in them, but when you manage a garden especially for wildlife they can become exceptional.

Wildlife is the added dimension to a garden that turns it from a static 'outside space' into vibrant life space, where you say hello to nature everyday.

A wildlife garden does not have to be a messy wilderness and you can have wildlife lots of types garden, be it a formal garden, a cottage garden or a contemporary garden.

What wildlife you try to attract is up to you. If you want to see lots of birds, put up bird-feeds, if you want birds to nest in your garden, then nest boxes and hedges are good.

A pond is great for frogs and dragonflies and a blousy flower border will attract bumble bees and butterflies.

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By allowing your lawn to flower like a meadow in summer you can have swathes of wildflowers and by planting a tree you can create a habitat for hundreds of insect species.

Take your pick of our "top tips factsheets" below, wildlife gardening is about you and what makes you happy.



Attract wildlife to your garden

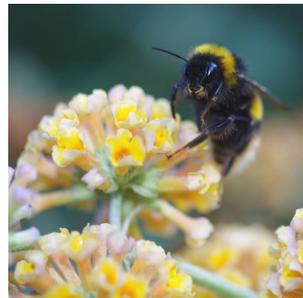
If you like wildlife in your garden, then you may well want to attract more. You'll be amazed at the number of ways that you can make space for wild plants and animals in your garden, terrace or window ledge. Wildlife needs four things if it's to thrive in your garden – food, water, shelter and a place to breed. Below we've put together some top tips to upgrade wildlife in your garden.

Build a bog pond

Building pond in your garden and enjoy wetland wildlife on your doorstep! A wildlife pond is one of the single best features for attracting new wildlife to the garden and it is thought that some amphibians, such as frogs, are now more common in garden ponds than in the countryside. So a well designed wildlife pond can play a big part in helping to preserve our natural biodiversity, as well as being an attractive garden feature.

We built a bog pond at our nursery in St Johns in 2009. Within weeks it was teeming with life and has become a more valuable wildlife habitat with every year that passes. Find out how you can create your own bog pond below.

Help Protect Pollinators



Pollinators are insects or other animals that transfer pollen from one plant to another, which allows them to produce fruit and seeds. At least 1500 species of insects pollinate plants in the UK and the British Isles including bumble bees, the honey bee, solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths. You can help protect these important pollinators by providing food and shelter in your garden with our Pollinator Protection Pack below.

Online Wildlife Gardening Resources

- **[Wild About Gardens](#)** - a joint TWT/RHS website packed full of information on wildlife gardening tips and projects and garden wildlife.
- **[Wildlife Watch activity sheets](#)** - full of easy step-by-step guides to making your garden wildlife friendly
- **[The Gardening With Wildlife in Mind database](#)** - search for plants that are more likely to attract wildlife in your garden.

Downloads

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Create Your Own Bog Pond	1.06 MB
Pollinator Protection Pack	7.98 MB

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