

Wildlife CONNECTIONS

1. FLOWERS

Provide food for pollinators and other insects all year round by growing plants that flower at different times of year.

2. BAT BOX

Bats look for safe places to roost near areas with lots of food. Putting bat boxes up in different areas means that bats might use them at different times of year.

3. TOAD ABODE

A shady shelter for toads to hide in during the day.

4. COMPOST HEAP

The perfect place for hedgehogs, toads, birds, bats and reptiles to find lots of food and somewhere to hide.

5. ROCK PILE

Gives insects somewhere to live, so hedgehogs, toads and birds have plenty to eat. Slowworms and other reptiles use them as basking spots too.

6. HEDGEHOG MONORAIL

Make sure hedgehogs and other wildlife can move in and out to find everything they need to thrive.

7. PLACES TO ENJOY

Having spots where you can enjoy and investigate the wonderful wildlife around is really important. See what you can spot and remember to record what you see!

8. BUG HOTEL

Different sized nooks & crannies and different materials make the perfect place for lots of different bugs and insects to live.

9. BIRD BOX

Different birds like different designs so having a variety will provide homes for loads of different birds.

10. BIRD FEEDER

Seeds, nuts, mealworms and fruit are all great for birds. Put your feeders in different places so the birds don't have to fight over the food.

11. POND

Even a very small pond can be the perfect place for insects and amphibians to live. Birds and hedgehogs will come to drink and bathe too.

12. HEDGES

Hedgehogs love hedges as do lots of other wildlife. Having plants like hawthorn and barberry in your hedge will provide food and shelter for all sorts of wildlife all year round.

13. LOG PILE

Perfect place for beetles to live, which are fantastic food for all sorts of wildlife. Make sure it's not disturbed and you might get hedgehogs, toads or reptiles hibernating in there too.

14. LEAVE THE GRASS TO GROW

Long grass and wild areas where thistles, nettles and brambles are allowed to grow are really important to provide food and shelter for lots of wildlife.

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To create your own WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS garden, here are few top tips to get you started.

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