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Ideas for patios and drives

Wildflowers, not weeds

There's space for wildlife in the smallest nooks and crannies. Allow and encourage wildflowers to grow.



Add a tree in a pot

Planting a tree is a great way to provide resources for wildlife. Growing a tree in a container works well on patios and drives which have hard surfaces. Native trees such as Crab Apple and Holly are best for wildlife, although all trees will provide shelter and shade so maybe try a fig or olive. www.rhs.org.uk/plants/types/trees/container-growing



Gravel instead of concrete

We need surfaced spaces for all kinds of uses such as parking, low-maintenance alternative to grass, a path or somewhere to sit. Gravel is often a viable, wildlife-friendly alternative to concrete, paving, bricks and decking. It is relatively cheap, low maintenance and a gravel garden is great for wildlife. www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-make-gravel-garden-wildlife

Explore your neighbourhood and see what's growing in unlikely places. You might be surprised at what you find! www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/whats-growing-between-the-cracks-in-your-town

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Ideas for your workplace

Help hedgehogs

Ensure your workplace grounds fences and boundaries have gaps for hedgehogs. Hedgehogs need to travel 2km a night to feed and breed. Make your workplace hedgehog friendly by providing water, food and shelter in an unkept corner, and encourage everyone to do the same at home. www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/helping-hedgehogs-2



Feed the birds

Supplement naturally available food with bird food and enjoy watching birds at work. Keep feeders and tables clean, so that birds stay healthy and disease-free. Position your feeders in relatively open areas away from predators - the birds will feel safer and visit more! There are many bird feeders available which attach to windows.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-feed-birds-your-garden



Grow herbs in a planter

Try Mint, Rosemary, Thyme and Chives.

Invite everyone to pick the herbs for use at home to avoid buying plastic packets. And let the remainder flower to provide nectar and pollen for pollinators.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/wildlife-friendly-herbs

Recycle at work

Ensure your workplace has a reduce/reuse/recycle policy and that it is implemented.

Reduce plastic and chemical use

Ask your workplace to go plastic free and only use green chemicals.

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In your garden

With an estimated 24 million gardens in the UK, the way they are cared for can make a big difference to the natural world. There are so many things we can all do to make our green spaces more wildlife friendly. Here are a few simple ideas:

Don't use pesticides

Ensure your garden has as much variety as possible so no one species gains control. The more complex and varied your garden, the more resilient it becomes.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/chemicals-free-organic-gardening

Plant a tree

A great way to attract wildlife into your garden, giving them space to feed, breed and shelter. Trees provide an important food source for many animals: their spring blossom offers a huge amount of nectar and their berries and nuts food for many different animals

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-plant-tree

Make a wildflower patch

Planting wildflowers provides vital resources to support a wide range of insects that couldn't survive in urban areas otherwise.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow



Stop mowing your lawn

Simply mowing the edges and paths keeps it looking maintained and cared for.

www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/stop-mowing-your-lawn-for-nature

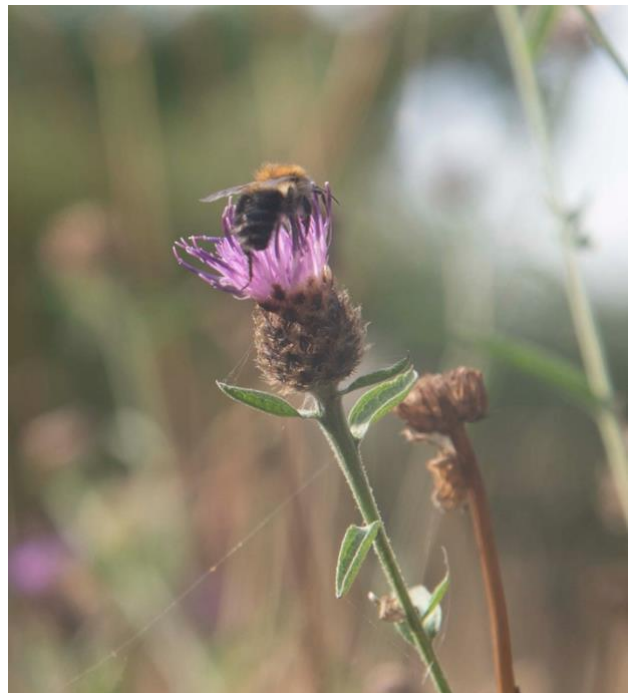
Turn your fences into green, living boundaries with climbers.

Make sure they have gaps for hedgehogs. Fix wires or trellis on appropriate vertical surfaces to support wildlife-friendly climbing plants, such as honeysuckle, jasmine and wisteria and Ivy. This will create an excellent habitat and food source for many creatures.
www.wlgf.org/ht_boundaries.pdf

Rented garden?

You may be limited in what you can do in your rented garden, don't worry – even the smallest changes can make a big difference.

- Hedgehog highways (13cm x 13cm gaps in fences to let hedgehogs in) can be dug under fences, rather than cutting a hole.
- A designated wild patch in the garden will support wildlife
- Log piles and leaf piles make great habitats
- Plants in containers look great and can move with you.



For more wildlife gardening ideas visit: www.wildlifetrusts.org/gardening

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Balcony, window box and doorsteps

Make a container herb garden

Planting a herb garden gives you easy access to seasoning for your food, and will attract pollinators like bees and butterflies. Herbs are easy to grow, and also look and smell great. Try Chives, Mint, Rosemary and Marjoram.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/wildlife-friendly-herbs



Grow a native climber in a pot.

Provide it with a trellis, wall or doorframe to grow on. Try dog rose, honeysuckle or Ivy which all have great value for wildlife.

www.gardenersworld.com/plants/10-best-climbers-for-wildlife/

Grow wildflower seeds in a container

Enjoy a burst of colour and provide resources for pollinators such as bees and butterflies with a container of wildflowers

www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-grow-a-wildflower-pot-for-pollinators.html

Make a bee bowl

Especially in dry weather providing water is a great way to support wildlife. Find a shallow bowl, fill it with pebbles and stones for bees and other insects to land on to provide water for insects. Keep it topped up when its dry and sunny.



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