

2 WILDFLOWERS

Grow plants rich in nectar for pollinators. Choose plants that flower at different times to provide food all year round.

1 BAT BOX

Make a box out of wood or buy one. Put it high up in a sunny sheltered spot. Have a few and face them different directions.

3 TOAD ABODE

Use a plant pot with leaves, stones and twigs to create an amphibian shelter.

4 COMPOST HEAP

Build or get a container to hold on to organic waste that sits straight on the soil. Invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles may hide and feed here.

5 ROCK PILE

Dig a small hole to start the pile in. Use large and small rocks to make homes for invertebrates and basking spots for reptiles.

6 ANIMAL HIGHWAY

Leave a small gap at the bottom of fences and walls to let animals move between gardens.

7 BUG HOUSE

Use pallets to make a large hotel or fill a smaller container with sticks, stones, hay and other materials to create hiding places.

Wildlife CONNECTIONS

8 HEDGEROW

Leave or create a hedge with plants like hawthorn or barberry. They provide wildlife with shelter, food and help moving through an area.

9 BIRD BOX

Make a box out of wood or buy one - different types are good for different birds. Don't forget to clean them out in the Winter.

10 LOG PILE

Pile different sized logs and twigs together, in contact with the ground in a shady spot. Leave the bark on if you can.

11 BIRD FEEDER

Thread dried fruit on wire to create a feeder or mix lard and seed and hang up in a yoghurt pot or on a pine cone.

12 WATER

Make a small pond using a bucket or bowl or dig a larger area, to attract water wildlife and help other species. Leave sloping sides so wildlife can get out.

13 GRASS

Leave a mixture of long and short grasses to encourage different types of wildlife.

14 MESSY AREAS

Leave some wild areas. Plants like thistles, nettles and brambles are brilliant for wildlife, providing shelter and food.

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