

# 10 steps for Garden Biodiversity

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## Plant a native tree or shrub

Consider varieties that bear fruit and/or seed, like Geuldar Rose, Hawthorn, Rowan, and Hazel.

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## Cut out chemical and peat use

Pesticides & herbicides and inorganic fertilisers damage the wildlife in your garden and the effect spreads to the countryside. Try using organic alternatives and encourage nature's pest controllers.

Peat and composts that contain peat destroy a wild and threatened habitat. Use home made compost or look for peat free at the garden centre.

## Nominate a wild corner in your garden

Create an undisturbed area, where grass can grow long, wildflowers flourish and wildlife can find sanctuary.

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## Help garden birds

Feed birds in winter, put up a correctly sited bird box for the breeding season and make sure neighbourhood cats wear bells.

## Choose nectar rich plants & wildflowers

These attract butterflies, moths and other insects.

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## Recycle

Recycle household waste and compost garden & kitchen waste where possible.

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## Create a log pile

The damp nooks and crannies of a log pile harbour hibernating frogs, toads and newts.

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## Less tidy means more wildlife

Allowing plants to go to seed feeds birds in winter, herbaceous stems left over winter become home to hibernating lacewings and ladybirds.

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## Create a wildlife friendly garden pond

Ponds can be a home for wetland wildlife and a watering hole for all garden wildlife.

## Keep a record of what wildlife you discover in your garden

Help us help wildlife by recording what you see and when you see it. There is a great lack of knowledge of what wildlife uses our gardens.

With your help we can discover how best to help wildlife in the future. Use the Greenspace Survey form available from the Falkirk Area Biodiversity Officer.

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To order wild plants or for FREE wildlife gardening advice call the Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre and Wildflower Nursery on 01324 494974

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