

✓ Ten Top Tips for Wildlife Gardening

- ✓ **Brighten your garden from early spring to late autumn with flowers that provide pollen and nectar for bees, butterflies and other insects.**
- ✓ **Grow a variety of trees, shrubs and climbers, or a mixed hedge, to give food and shelter.**
- ✓ **Look after mature trees in and around your garden, they are the best features for wildlife.**
- ✓ **Add water – an upturned bin-lid is a start or, better still, dig a pond.**
- ✓ **Leave a pile of dead wood in a shady spot. making a home for anything from beetles to hedgehogs.**
- ✓ **Build a compost heap, which will help all your garden plants and wildlife.**
- ✓ **Provide food and water for birds all year round. Keep the feeders clean so they don't spread disease.**
- ✓ **Relax! Don't be too tidy. Leave some areas undisturbed and take time to enjoy the wildlife they attract.**
- ✓ **Allow a patch of lawn grass to grow longer for wildflowers, insects and small mammals**
- ✓ **Consider the impact of your gardening on the environment, and minimise your use of water, peat, chemicals and other resources**
- ✓ **Finally! - Why not join The Wildlife Gardening Forum? It is an informal charity run by volunteers, and there are no membership fees. The Forum sends out four or more newsletters each year, full of new ideas, case studies and events, and you can come to our conferences which will keep you up to date with all the many exciting new developments about gardens, wildlife and their benefits for our health and wellbeing. If you are interested, contact Steve Head at wlgf@stephenmhead.com**