

10 Tips to Make your Garden Friendly for Wildlife

25% of London's green space is private gardens, so they are very important habitats and corridors for wildlife.

1. Avoid chain link fencing and netting, which hedgehogs can get tangled in. Tie up sports netting when not in use.
2. Stop using chemical fertilisers, weedkillers & pesticides etc & switch to a natural seaweed feed for plants. The wildlife will naturally control the pests.
3. Make a 13x13cm hedgehog hole in your garden fence.
4. Plant night scented & pale flowers to attract moths & in turn bats which eat the moths.
5. Make a wildlife pond - sunk into the ground, no fish or netting, & oxygenating plants rather than a filter. Ensure your pond has an escape ramp in case animals fall in.
6. Provide shelter for wildlife with a wild area of bushes, shrubs, brambles &/or hedges.
7. Make log and leaf piles to attract minibeasts and the species that eat them.
8. Put out water - a shallow dish with pebbles for animals & pollinators, &/or a larger bowl for birds to bathe in.
9. Plant flowers for bees and butterflies.
10. Plant a native hedgerow or tree.