

More Wildlife for You

the environmentally-friendly gardener



Ballinahown Biodiversity DIY

All the living things together are called biodiversity - plants, animals, people, insects and microscopic life - and they create a natural web of life in your locality.

Here are some tips to help you encourage more wildlife into your garden this year. In Ballinahown a special project is underway to record all the biodiversity in the village and to make a plan suggesting how it can be enhanced. You can help by creating habitat for wildlife.

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DO

- use homemade compost in containers
- plant fruit trees for birds
- plant blue flowers to attract pollinators

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CREATE

- a butterfly garden with Buddleia
- a frog pond
- a wildflower area for pollinators

3

DON'T

- use herbicides to kill weeds
- replace hedges with fences
- dump grass cuttings in wildlife habitats



Grow Sunflowers

Attract bees to the garden with sunflowers. In winter the seed heads are bird food



Grass path

Cut paths through the lawn, let the grass grow and flower for summer wildlife



Insect Hotel

Make an insect hotel in a tree stump. Drill holes for solitary bees to nest in