



Plants for Bugs

Investigating invertebrate abundance and diversity in assemblages of native and non-native garden plant species



We need the research to...

- Assess whether the origin of garden plants – from native species to exotic introductions – is a factor in garden wildlife richness
- Help inform gardeners how best to plant their gardens for wildlife

What we plan to do...

- Plant borders (3m x 3m) at RHS Garden Wisley in spring 2009
- Design each type of border using native, near native or exotic plants
- Monitor invertebrates and plant performance for at least three years
- Repeat the experiment at another RHS site