

Bees' Needs: Food and a home

Making your garden bee-friendly

4 easy tips for gardeners

1. Make your garden diverse

The wider the range of flowers you have in your garden, the more pollinators you're likely to attract! Ox-eye daisies, marigolds and lavender look pretty and are also good for bees and other pollinators. Try to pick flowers with a single row of petals as they provide more pollen and nectar than those with double petals.



2. Grow out your lawn

Mow it less often or why not plant a wildflower meadow with nectar and pollen-producing flowers to provide food for bees and other pollinators. Wildflowers that produce a lot of nectar include black knapweed, white dead-nettle, bugle, marjoram and red clover.



4. Give bees and other pollinators a home

Bare ground, old walls and piles of dead wood are all great nesting sites, and you could also buy or make a bee hotel for your garden. Shady parts of gardens, log piles, compost heaps and garden ponds are perfect for pollinator larvae.



3. Think of different ways to protect your garden from pests

Using barriers or physically removing them can be good alternatives to pesticide.

