



Wildlife Gardening Online Survey Features List

This list supports the online survey.



Bee Watering Station

Bees, wasps and other insects need water as well as birds. Deep bird baths or ponds without something to land on safely can be death traps to insects. A Bee Watering Station can be made from anything – pebbles, marbles, glass beads, etc. The insects can land safely on the pebble, etc and take water without falling in. They need topping up regularly, particularly in hot weather

Dead Hedge

Dead hedges are easy to make using waste materials from the garden. They can be any width, height or shape so can be flower borders or dividers. Two parallel lines of stakes (with weed free ground between) are infilled with branches, twigs, etc. The brash rots down over time and can be topped up. Dead hedges can also have plants like nasturtiums growing through them



Hoverfly Lagoon

Some hoverflies lay eggs in water with lots of waste material in it, like leaves or grass. The larvae are known as rat tailed maggots as they have a telescope tail that pushes through the water membrane to take in oxygen. These kinds of stagnant water features are often removed from gardens which limits the places hoverflies can develop. The lagoon doesn't have to be as big as the one within the tyre – a plastic tub will do .

Solitary Bee House

Solitary bee houses attract a range of bees, from the early flying Red Mason bees *Osmia bicornis* that use mud to create the cells within the tubes to the leafcutter bees *Megachile* sp that use leaves instead. There are a number of viewing boxes on the market so that the development of the bees can be seen. See Nurturing Nature and Mason Bees UK for more info

