

Tell us what's in your garden...

If you can tick at least two items in each category you're doing your bit for wildlife and can apply for the award.

Nature friendly habitats

- Wildlife pond
- Log pile or dead wood
- Wildflowers/long grass
- Hedgerow

Plants and trees

- Climbing plants
- Vegetable patch
- Berry bearing shrubs
- Nectar-rich flowers
- Mature tree/fruit trees

Environmentally friendly gardening

- Compost heap or bin
- Water butt/recycled water
- Bird feeders/bug house
- NO pesticides or other chemicals

Become a member...

Together, we can make a difference.

www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/membership

What's in 'My Wildlife Friendly Garden' award pack?

- ★ My Wildlife Friendly Garden plaque
- ★ My Wildlife Friendly Garden certificate
- ★ The Wildlife Trusts' gardening booklet
- ★ Garden wildlife spotter's card

Looking good for wildlife...

Your garden needn't be overgrown to help wildlife. Just a few easy steps can encourage the birds and bees back in to your garden.

BUG HOTEL

Make or buy your own home for bugs and no matter how small, bees, ladybirds, butterflies and other invertebrates will benefit.



BIRD FEEDERS

Watching garden birds can be very satisfying. Just a few feeders can help birds when food is scarce in winter and at nesting time in spring.

LOG PILE

Dead and decaying wood is great habitat for beetles and frogs, and toads can overwinter under a log pile. Place in a shady or hidden spot in the garden.



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My Wildlife Friendly Garden



Is your garden
great for wildlife?

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Wildlife is good for your garden...

Wildlife friendly gardening is all about making a haven for you, as well as for wildlife. Whether your garden is small or large, you can create and enjoy a truly natural outdoor space, where plants and animals can make their home.

THE POLLINATORS

When you plant nectar-rich flowers in your garden, you will be providing vital food for beautiful butterflies, bees and hoverflies. These pollinators are the very reason your plants flower year on year, your strawberries grow into tasty fruit and seeds are developed for you to collect and re-distribute.



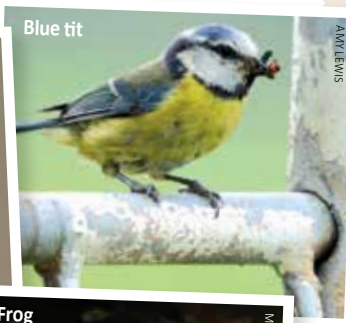
White-tailed bumblebee



Peacock butterfly



Ladybirds are a natural pest controller



Blue tit



Frog

THE WASTE DISPOSAL TEAM

Known as detritivores, many creatures such as wood lice, some slugs, worms and myriad microscopic organisms feed on dead and decaying leaves and wood, recycling nutrients by helping dead plant material return to the soil which in turn feeds living plants. If you have a compost heap or bin, detritivores will soon colonise it and set to work making great compost for your garden.



Earthworm



Enjoy your wildlife friendly garden!

NATURAL PEST CONTROL

The simple answer to an aphid infestation is not to use pesticide but to encourage an army of living predators. Ladybirds can munch through thousands of aphids during their adult life and their larvae eat aphids too. Ground beetles are a gardener's friend, they feed on grubs, slugs and snails. Birds take garden pests to feed their young, and frogs and toads can keep slugs to a minimum.

Apply for your award today

By post Just fill in the tick box section overleaf, and return this tear off section with your donation to:

'My Wildlife Friendly Garden Awards'
Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Bickley Hall Farm, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8EF

Your donation goes directly towards helping to protect wildlife and wild places in Cheshire.

Or visit us online at...

www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/mywildlifegarden

Your contact details

Name:

Address:

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Here is my donation of £10 £15 Other

Please enclose a cheque made payable to 'Cheshire Wildlife Trust' or make your donation online at www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/mywildlifegarden

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Yes, I would like all donations I have made to Cheshire Wildlife Trust in the past four years and all future donations until I notify you otherwise to be treated as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature

Date

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