

This is a checklist of 24 desirable features found in a wildlife-friendly garden:

A. FOOD FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

- Bird-feeding station (sited away from any nesting boxes)
- *Nectar-rich and/or pollen-rich flowers (eg Foxgloves, Cosmos, Buddleia)
- Fruit trees or berry-bearing shrubs
- Some perennials left uncut until spring
- Vegetable patch/container
- Herb garden or growing herbs

B. SHELTER FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

- *Either: dead wood pile OR log pile OR stone pile OR area 1m² minimum left undisturbed
- Climbing plants (eg. Ivy, Honeysuckle, Clematis)
- Mixed native hedge (eg. Oak, Hazel, Hawthorn, Blackthorn)
- Mature tree(s)
- Some lawn left to grow long
- Wild flower patch
- Bird, bat or hedgehog box
- Bee/insect hotel

C. WATER MANAGEMENT FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

- Wildlife pond of any size incl bucket or bowl – best without fish
- Bog/permanently wet area
- Drought-resistant plants (eg Lavender, Rosemary, Sedums)
- *Bird bath

D. MANAGEMENT OF YOUR GARDEN (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

- *No use of pesticides and toxic slug pellets
- *Avoid chemical weed killers
- Compost bin, heap or wormery
- Rain butt to save water
- *Compost, is used, is peat-free
- Hedgehog access/transit through garden boundaries

PLEASE NOTE THAT TO QUALIFY FOR ANY LEVEL OF AWARD, YOU NEED TO TICK AT LEAST ONE FEATURE IN EACH SECTION

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