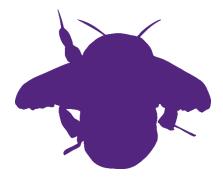




# Useful wildlife links

# **Pollinators**

- There is lots of guidance about helping pollinators on the Scottish Wildlife Trust website.
- <u>Butterfly Conservation</u> have a number of resources available on their website. There are
  identification guides as well as tips on gardening for butterflies. They also have a useful guide
  to <u>picking plants that are nectar rich</u> and are ideal for butterflies. Finally, they have a handy
  <u>list of plants</u> that each species uses as a food source for their caterpillars.
- Bumblebee Conservation Trust have some brilliant resources on their website.
- The Field Studies Council (FSC) have an <u>introduction video on Solitary bee identification</u>. It also provides a fascinating insight into their ecology.
- Plantlife have a fantastic wildflower species database as well as planting tips.
- The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) have some great advice on planting for pollinators.
- <u>The Natural History Museum</u> have a useful guide on making your own butterfly feeder. They also have a guide for making your own solitary bee hotel.
- This video is a compilation of presentations by Butterfly Conservation. The session is on meadow creation and management for butterflies and moths. The workshops were delivered in Irvine, Glasgow and Edinburgh as part of their Helping Hands for Butterflies Project.
- Professor Dave Goulson has carried out some fascinating research on bees. One study looks
  at the <u>impact of "pollinator friendly" plants</u> from well-known garden centres. The second
  study looks at the use of chemicals and their impact on our bees.



# Hedgehogs

- The Wildlife Trusts have a useful guide if you <u>find a hedgehog that is unwell</u>. They also have a step-by-step guide on how to check your bonfire for hedgehogs.
- <u>The British Hedgehog Preservation Society</u> (BHPS) are dedicated to helping and protecting native hedgehogs. Their website has lots of useful information on all things hog!
- <u>Hedgehog Street</u> is a fantastic campaign that is run by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the BHPS. There are lots of useful resources on the website. There is also an interactive map where you can log local hedgehog sightings.
- <u>The State of Britain's Hedgehogs Report</u> provides an insight into the current state of British hedgehog populations. It was published but BHPS and PTES.
- <u>The Natural History Museum</u> (NHM) have a great how-to guide on making a hedgehog house.

### **Birds**

- <u>The Wildlife Trusts</u> have a helpful guide to feeding garden birds. It covers some useful information and is a good place to start.
- The RSPB also have a very <u>comprehensive guide on bird feeders</u>. It covers
  the various types of feeder available and species each type attracts. They
  also have a guide to <u>making your own nest box</u>. The guide includes lots of
  great info about placing and positioning nest boxes.



• The RSPB also stock a range of bird feeders and seed. The money goes to a great cause so if you need any feeders, it's worth a look at their online shop.

# **Mammals**

- <u>The British Deer Society</u> have lots of useful information on their website. There are specific pages for each species of deer with lots of detail to help identify them.
- The Mammal Society have a range of information about the various mammal species of the UK. There is a page for each species as well as other resources including a "whose poo?" page for identifying mammal poo!
- If you want to capture signs of mammals, you can use a footprint tunnel. The Natural History Museum have a guide on how to make your own.







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