

## **The Wildlife Trust / Beds, Cambs, Northants**

**May 2025**

**Here are some** of the easiest and most impactful things you can do for wildlife in your garden.

For more advice, to buy a plant, sit in a tractor, or chat to a staff member please visit our Open Gardens at our head-office in Cambourne on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> – it's part of a wider Cambourne Open Gardens event.

**Be more wild** (they're not weeds, they're wildflowers!)

- Cut your lawn less frequently (you can mow a path through, or keep the edges mown to give variety, and show your neighbours it's deliberate)
- Leave areas to do their own thing (maybe put up a 'Wild for Nature' sign)

**Add water**

- Any amount is good, go for the biggest you can
- Make sure amphibians and hedgehogs can get in and out
- The best is a fish-free pond with different depths and native plants
- The easiest is a dish of water on the ground
- You could consider a bog garden or a mini-pond

**Select plants for pollen, nectar, berries and seeds**

- When visiting a garden centre, look for flowers that have bees and butterflies on them
- Choose plants that flower at different times in the year (for example, red deadnettle flowers early, honey suckle and teasel flower in the summer, and ivy in the autumn)
- Choose native plants (guelder rose is a shrub with beautiful red leaves and berries in autumn)

**Connect your garden**

- If you have a gap that is around 13cm high and wide, hedgehogs and amphibians will be able to use this to move between gardens

**There are lots of other things you can do to help, here are a few places to find out more:**

- Wild about gardens [wildaboutgardens.org.uk](http://wildaboutgardens.org.uk)
- Help wildlife at home: [wildlifebcn.org/actions](http://wildlifebcn.org/actions)
- There is a series of blogs on our website: [wildlifebcn.org/blog](http://wildlifebcn.org/blog)

**May events** (charges apply, booking essential [wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events))

- **Friday mornings**, 9.30 am to 11ish: Little Bugs pre-school sessions: Cambourne.
- **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May**: 7.00 to 9.00 am / Not quite dawn chorus: Cambourne.
- **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**: 11.00 am to 2.00 pm ? Cambourne Village College Eco Festival.
- **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**: 4.30 to 6.30 pm / Family bird walk: Trumpington Meadows.
- **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May**: 7.30 to 8.45 am / Early morning bird walk for adults: Trumpington Meadows,
- **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**: 6.30 to 8.30 pm / Nature and Natter walk and picnic for adults: Trumpington Meadows.
- **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**: 10.00 am to 3.00 pm / Drop-in and chat with staff: Cambourne – no booking needed.
- **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May** (Cambourne) and **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May** (Trumpington Meadows): 10.00 am to 12ish / Half term family walk and pond dip.

Further information

- [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)
- [cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org)
- @wildlifebcn

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