

WILD ABOUT GARDENS CHECKLIST

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

FOOD FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN - tick all that apply (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

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

SHELTER FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN - tick all that apply (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

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

WATER FEATURES IN YOUR GARDEN - tick all that apply (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

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

MANAGEMENT OF YOUR GARDEN - tick all that apply (* = compulsory to attain Gold Award)

- *No use of pesticides & toxic slug pellets
- *Avoid chemical weed killers
- Compost bin, compost heap or wormery
- Rain butt to save water
- *Compost, if 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

If you wish to apply for a Wild About Gardens Award, please complete the On-line Application Form on the Wild About Gardens page at www.WildCookham.org.uk

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