

Attracting Wildlife to Your School Grounds



Useful links to resources and learning activities for attracting wildlife to your school grounds.

Wildlife Areas & Ponds

Garden Organic – Have a selection of activities based around wildlife areas and ponds.

- Growing wildflowers:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A63-Growing-wild-flowers.pdf>
- Building a wildlife habitat:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A43-Building-a-wildlife-habitat.pdf>
- Creating a wildlife pond:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A64-Creating-a-wildlife-pond.pdf>
- Lacewing hotel:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A31-Lacewing-hotel.pdf>
- Ladybird house:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A29-Ladybird-house.pdf>
- Apple bird feeder:
<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/sites/www.gardenorganic.org.uk/files/resources/fflp/A30-Apple-bird-feeder.pdf>

Learning through Landscapes

- Wildlife corridor game - A parachute-style game to teach about habitat fragmentation and wildlife corridors:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/wildlife-corridor-game/>
- Seed bombs:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/seed-bombs/>
- Life cycle role plays:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/life-cycle-role-plays/>
- Interdependence in food webs:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/interdependence-in-food-webs/>
- Birdy surveys:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/birdy-surveys/>
- Animal track trap:
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/animal-track-trap/>

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STEM

- Education pack – Life in ponds:
<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/33663/education-pack-life-ponds>

ARG UK

- Pond party pack:
<https://www.arguk.org/info-advice/educational-resources/ks1-ks2-resources/222-the-pond-pack/file>

Hedges

Woodland Trust: Free trees for schools and communities – fill in your application now for delivery of trees in March 2021:

- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

Sustainable Learning – Habitats Investigation (includes a Lesson Plan for conducting a habitat survey of your school grounds):

- <https://www.sustainablelearning.com/resource/habitats-investigation-lower-ks2>

Sustainable Learning – Hedgerow Habitat Heroes:

- <https://www.sustainablelearning.com/resource/hedgerow-habitat-heroes?destination=teaching-resources%3Ff%255B0%255D%3Dtheme%253A4626>

Sustainable Learning – Chain Reaction:

- A poetic introduction to urban food chains:
<https://www.sustainablelearning.com/resource/chain-reaction>

NFU

- Science Farm: Hedgerow Habit Heroes (KS1 Microhabitats):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eul6x1Iomns&list=PLfQQD6ZJA60Yq2iY-cHI6-xihSIXROCC1&index=6>

Devon Hedge Group

- Lines of Enquiry: See Question 8 – Food from the hedgerow:
<https://devonhedges.org/lines-of-enquiry-files/>

Learning through Landscapes

- Camouflage Caterpillars: An active game that develops understanding of adaptation, food chains and encourages number process work through play.
<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/camouflage-caterpillars/>

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Orchards

Tree Council – [Orchards for Schools tree or hedgerow pack](#) - this page includes a webinar 'Orchards for Schools – Let's get planning':

- Apply for your Orchards for Schools tree or hedgerow pack by **23rd February 2021**. Applications received by 23 February will receive their tree packs by early March 2021.
- School Orchards guide from 'Imagining your orchard' through to 'Getting support and keeping it going' <https://treecouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/School-Orchards.pdf>
- School orchard packs of free trees <https://treecouncil.org.uk/schools-and-education/orchards-for-schools/>

Food for Life Orchards Learning Resource:

- Includes curriculum-linked activities and tasks through the seasons.

The Orchard Project:

- [Habitats and bug hotels](#) – Science: understanding the role of pollinators in plant reproduction.
- [Minibeasts, habitats and soil](#) – Science: identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.

East of England Apples & Orchards Project:

- <https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk/learn-more/school-resources/> - click on the Orchard Activities link for a drop-down menu of activities for Years 3-6.

Learning Through Landscapes:

- School Orchards www.ltl.org.uk/resources/growing-school-orchards/

Bees

British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) – find your local beekeepers association. Many local beekeepers will come into school:

- www.bbka.org.uk/project-bees-in-schools
- www.bbka.org.uk/bees-in-the-curriculum

Friends of the Earth: - Bee Cause pack for educators KS1 and KS2

- <https://cdn.friendsoftheearth.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/The%20Bee%20Cause%20-%20a%20pack%20for%20educators.pdf>

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Forest School

Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) - Create your own edible Forest garden - a multi-layered foraging garden based on woodland ecosystems, incorporating fruit and nut trees, shrubs, herbs, vines and perennial vegetables.

- www.cat.org.uk/info-resources/free-information-service/growing-and-eating/forest-garden/

Learning through landscapes

- Bushcraft pen and ink
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/bushcraft-pen-and-ink/
- Whittle a twiggy label for crops
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/a-little-whittling/
- Forest Bathing
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/forest-bathing/
- Marvellous mud kitchen
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/marvellous-mud-kitchens/
- Healthy campfire recipes
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/healthy-campfire-recipes/
- Campfire Bread on a stick
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/campfire-bread-on-a-stick/
- Charcoal paint – decorate your raised beds with charcoal paint!
www.ltl.org.uk/resources/charcoal-paint/
- How to make natural plant supports – there are numerous films on you tube but here is one to try.
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPn4QQzQ0XY

River Cottage

- Instructions on how to build a clay oven:
www.diy-tips.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/River-Cottage.pdf