



# WAYS TO ADD BIODIVERSITY TO YOUR GARDEN

## ENNISKERRY COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Anyone can create a meadow with a small area. Mow it once every 6 weeks after mid-April.



Leave dandelions for early spring food and ivy for late summer food and shelter



Create a garden wildlife pond! It can be as small as 1-2m<sup>2</sup>. Make a hibernaculum for frogs. See <https://www.froglife.org/>



Make habitats for butterflies and bees: Plant native plants; Keep areas for nettles, ivy and brambles; Leave the leaves; and make some log piles



Walls can be habitats! Leave ivy, ferns and wildflowers as shelter and food for critters; Cover concrete walls in dog rose or honeysuckle



STOP using pesticides and fertilisers. They cause huge damage to wildflowers, insects and wildlife.

Make a compost heap to reduce green waste and provide a home for insects & worms



Be a citizen scientist! Do a Flower Insect Timed Count <https://biodiversityireland.ie/surveys/fit-counts/>



and a butterfly count butterflies @biodiversityireland.ie & the Irish Garden Bird Survey



Help garden birds with timber breeding boxes



Save water with rainwater butts



Look after bats, even in your attic; - report roosts to NWPS



Work with neighbours! Make wildlife corridors for hedgehogs!



STOP light pollution by only downlighting, No light trespass, No bright lights, & save energy too!

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