

The Wildlife Garden Project

Mini Guide to Creepy Crawlies

If you look closely enough you will find hundreds of creepy crawlies around your garden. Have a root around with a magnifying glass and you'll find creatures with loads of legs, huge alien eyes, and strange ways of capturing their prey! Keep your eyes open for spiders, worms, woodlice, beetles, larvae and centipedes. Creepy crawlies are great for our gardens, spiders keep fly numbers at bay and ladybirds consume greenfly which can otherwise damage plants.



To help creepy crawlies, you can build a bug hotel and other habitats like log piles. Just find some old logs of all shapes and sizes and pile them up in a quiet corner of your garden. Try digging some into the ground as rotting logs help create food for invertebrates such as the rare stag beetle. Gaps in log piles will also help protect and shelter other garden creatures such as frogs and toads, hedgehogs or voles.

So keep your eyes peeled!

You can leave dead wood or vegetation in a dark corner to encourage insects to nest and breed there. Ask your parents to help you plant a range of shrubs and plants in your garden such as buddleia, honey suckle and lavender. These all attract butterflies and moths. Have fun identifying all those weird and wonderful creepy crawlies in your garden, you might be surprised what lives there! Have a look at our website for more ideas on how to help creepy crawlies.



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