

Tips For a Mammal-Friendly Garden

Don't Be Neat and Tidy!

- Put away your garden tools and leave nature to do the work.
- Leave some rough patches where the animals can move in!

Collect Logs and Branches to Build a Log Pile

- Find a shady corner for a pile of rotting wood
- Compost your grass cuttings and garden waste

Let the Grass Grow Long! Don't Pull Up Weeds

Leave some of your grass to grow throughout the summer. Grasshoppers, butterflies, birds and frogs will be happy. All flowers, even weeds, attract pollinators, which are food for small mammals

Avoid Pesticides and Weed Killer

The chemicals you spread in the garden will poison the birds and small mammals which eat the dead invertebrates and affected plants.

Have a Pond or Water Bowl!

- A pond is a great way to make your garden wildlife friendly.
- Put some small pebbles in, so the invertebrates can drink without getting stuck.
- Add a ramp so a hedgehog can get out easily.
- Even a bowl of fresh water is a place for insects, birds and mammals to drink and bathe.