

Nature News - May

Plants

Plants are bursting into flower everywhere. Dandelions provide nectar for insects as well as stunning colours. If you have grass in your garden, try not to mow it this month. Leaving dandelions to grow really helps our bees who are looking for food to eat. Use our bee spotter to see how many different kinds of bee visit your flowers.



Animals

Insects are busy. Look for beetles, bugs and bumblebees.

With a mixture of woody plants and herbs, hedges are a good habitat for biodiversity.

Away from the city, badger cubs emerge from their setts with their parents. Baby hares crouch in the long grass of open fields.

You might spot birds feeding their young. Baby blackbirds are flying the nest. Look for their big mouths and listen for their noisy begging calls. Even though the young are as big as their parents, the males bring them food after they have learnt to fly while the female gets on with the next brood. Beakful of worms, anyone?



Listen out for a cuckoo.

Sow wild flower seeds to provide nectar for insects such as bees, hover-flies and butterflies.

Bee identification

All
bumblebees
shown are
worker
bees

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 14-17mm	 12-18mm	 11mm	 10-16mm	 12-18mm
<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-tailed bumblebee	<input type="checkbox"/> Willoughby's leafcutter bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Red mason bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree bumblebee	<input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed bumblebee
 13-14mm	 10mm	 13mm	 13mm	 14-15mm
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed bumblebee	<input type="checkbox"/> Tawny mining bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Common carder bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Wool carder bee	<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy footed flower bee

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