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YOUR WILDFLOWER MEADOW

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YOUR SUMMER GARDEN PROJECT

So, what will your summer garden project be?

- Are you going to work with your children before they head back to school in September?

- is it a project that you can work on with your parents ?

- is it something you are doing to help whilst you work from home ?

- and what is the scale of your project. It could be as simple as a new lawn, a rockery, creating a wildflower lawn or meadow, a garden for entertaining or putting a green roof onto a garden building.

- how much help will you need?

A WILDFLOWER LAWN

Today is a great day for planning a wildflower meadow. Last year my garden got a bit out of control. I just didn't have the time to maintain it properly. This year, I'm taking steps to ensure it's more manageable but still beautiful. Hard landscaping doesn't do it for me. I do like natural lawns, but they don't help me with my new hobby – beekeeping.

To use part of your garden to create a wildflower meadow. It will be low-maintenance but stuffed with plants that attract bees. Hopefully, it'll also bring in butterflies, birds, frogs and toads and a whole host of other wildlife. Maybe I'll even start finding hedgehogs in the garden again.

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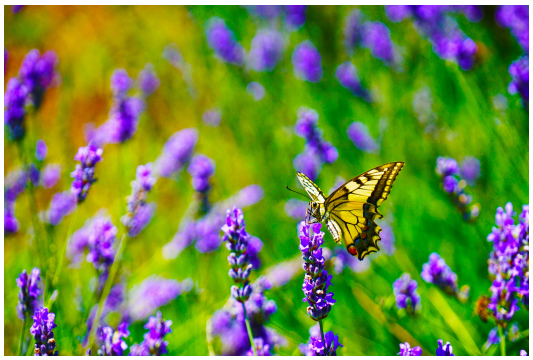

If you are after low maintenance - annual plants probably aren't a good idea. So opt for perennial wildflowers.

Flowering Times

For a succession of flowers from the time the bees start flying until the time they start slowing down for the winter is the plan.

Colours

Blues, pinks and purples are apparently the most attractive flowers for bees.

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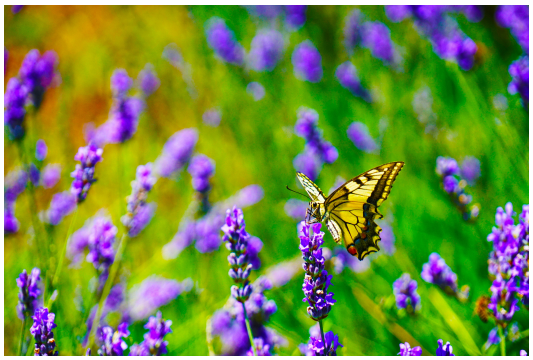

Grasses can work too. The seedheads can be fabulous and of course, they take on that lovely golden colour towards the end of summer.

How To Make A Wildflower Meadow

Import some low nutrient soil and lay Meadowmat on top of it to create a wildflower meadow; simple and straightforward.
Low nutrient soil seems costly. However, Meadowmat installed onto garden soil is beautifully floral in its first year and then gets progressively more and more grassy.

Start by weeding the whole area and taking away all the plant material – so it doesn't rot down and add more nutrients to the soil.

To create a wildflower meadow, the foundations need to be perfect. So, rotovate and level the soil to create a base that's firm but not compacted.Then spread a healthy layer of low nutrient soil on top and level it with a rake. Shouldn't be any need to rotovate because it won't be compacted and I know that the bought-in stuff is from a reputable supplier. It's not going to be full of rubble or stones.

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To create a wildflower meadow with variety in abundance, opt for a mix of two types. Cottage Garden Meadowmat – because it's got some strongly coloured flower species in it. Some of them will be lovely as cut flowers too.

Meadowmat for Birds and Bees – for its long flowering period and it has a slightly lower price. Are you adding a bark path through the middle of the wildflower area?

Can't wait to get started – roll on springtime!

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