

East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative

At home



The CEI has been established to enhance biodiversity and improve the quality of the natural environment for the mining communities of the East Ayrshire coalfield.

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Spending time in a garden full of wildlife can be relaxing and fun; it is a great way for the whole family to discover more about nature.

Gardening for wildlife is also easy and everyone can make a difference – if you don't have room for a wildflower meadow why not fill a window box with flowers that insects will love?

With a little space you can make a garden pond – in no time at all it will be a haven for frogs and insects.



- 1 hedgehog
- 2 otter
- 3 mallard
- 4 deer
- 5 lapwing

If you want to find out exactly how to make a bog garden, grow flowers that butterflies will love and a whole host of other wildlife gardening projects, visit our website

www.ea-cei.org.uk

New Cumnock Community Wildlife Garden



Explore the garden and find out what you can do to encourage wildlife at home.

The Wildlife Garden

Meadows and Insects

Woodland Wildlife

Bog Gardens

Composting and Recycling

How many of these animals and plants can you find in the garden today?

wild flowers

red admiral

dragonfly

rowan

blue tit

chaffinch

worms

bog cotton

common toad

Things to do

Have you found the **animal tracks** in the garden? They were made by these five animals but can you guess which track belongs to each? The answers are on the back page.

Did you find the bumblebee, butterfly and damselfly? Try taking a **rubbing** of them. You will need paper and a soft pencil or crayon.

Close your eyes for a few minutes and **listen** to the garden. What can you hear? What **smells** are there?

We **recycled** plastic bottles to make the greenhouse. What else could you recycle and use in your garden?

Discover a different **wildlife habitat** in each corner of the garden – every one is home to its own special wildlife. Why not keep a diary of the **animals** and **plants** you see each time you visit the garden? You'll be amazed to see how it changes with the seasons!

In **spring** the woodland wildflowers provide food for early insects. **Summer** brings lots of life as plants in the bog and meadow flower. Look out for red rowan berries in **autumn** before the birds eat them. **Winter** is a quiet time in the garden – feeding the birds helps them through cold times.



butterfly



damselfly



bumblebee