

WILD BEE HOTEL

Don't be too tidy in the garden

In very tidy gardens, insects can hardly find shelter or places to nest. Garden waste, leaf litter, shrub cuttings or withered bushes are cleared away in many gardens and often end up in the green waste collection, which also means that habitats for useful insects are lost.

A room for every taste

An insect hotel can at least partially replace the missing garden structures. Various materials are used to provide a substitute home, specifically for wild bees. The adults lay their larvae in hollow stems or in holes in wood or clay. The holes are sealed for protection. If you are lucky, you may get to see a young wild bee see the light of day for the first time as it crawls out of its hole or stem.

Nature's nursery



viper's bugloss mason bee
Osmia adunca

viper's bugloss
Echium vulgare

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