

BEE AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

John Muir award



Discover

To complete this section, I went to deers leep on the Mendips, where we had been previously with the whole group. I also found some wildflower meadows there!

Wildflower meadows are really important because they are vital for bugs, bees, birds and other small creatures to live comfortably and safely. Sadly, 97% of these areas have gone.

I also “discovered” a new area within my garden that I could put my bee and butterfly garden, which was overgrown and full of non bee-friendly flowers.

Explore 1

- When we went inside the wildflower meadow, I decided to take some photos to gather inspiration on what types of flowers I would like in my garden, and also to identify them when I get home. The flowers I took photos of are on the next slide.
- I did try to take photos of butterflies as well but they kept flying away.



buttercup



bellflower



Birds-eye speedwell



silverweed



Birds foot trefoil



Red clover



Gorse



Common hedge nettle



Lesser stitchwort



Common yarrow



Wayfair tree berries

Explore 2

- There is a lavender bush in my garden, and i decided that I wanted to know what kind of bees and butterflies were coming to my garden. I did a fifteen minute survey and tried to identify all of them in that time. The bees are on the next slide, but the butterflies hated the camera and flew away. We had cabbage whites and gatekeepers at that time.

Bees in my garden

White tailed bumblebee



Buff tailed bumblebee



Shrill carder bee



Honey bee



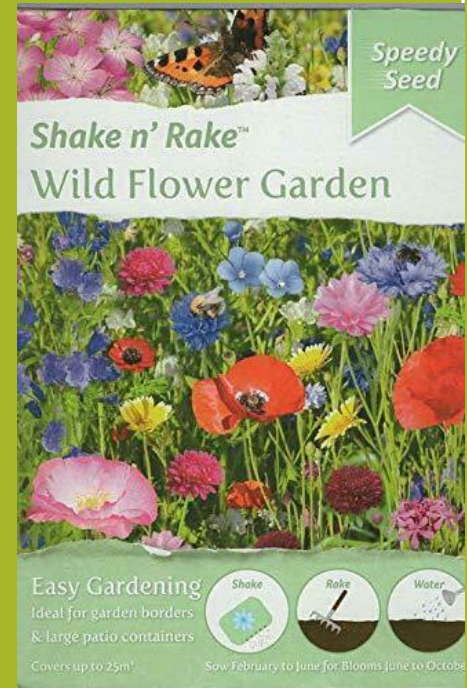
Common carder bee

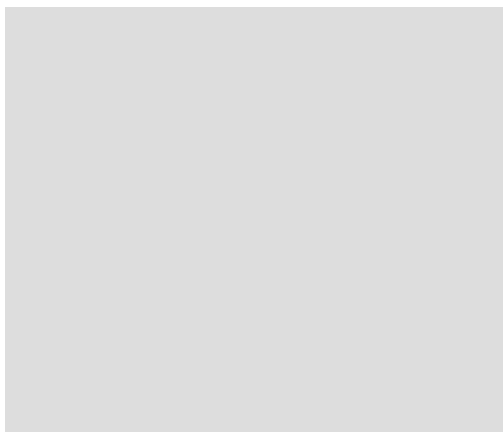




Conserve

We completely got rid of all the weeds and other things in this patch of the garden and made it slightly larger as well as it wasn't very useful before. This was before we added the wildflower seed mixes that I bought.





**THIS IS THE
FINISHED
GARDEN!**
