



Session 1 - Low Maintenance Planting in Public Spaces

How to Guides on gardening for biodiversity:

- **All Ireland Pollinator Plan resources and guides:**
<https://pollinators.ie/resources/>
Excellent website with lots of specific guides for different situations including for local community groups:
https://pollinators.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Local-Communities_actions-to-help-pollinators-2018-WEB.pdf
- **Gardening for Biodiversity Booklet:**
https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/garden-wildlife-booklet-web-17mb_4.pdf
This beautifully illustrated guide is full of great guidance and suggestions for how to add all kinds of nature into your garden. It covers insects, birds, wildflowers, bees, trees, bats, and habitat creation such as ponds, bog gardens and log piles. This is a really fun and informative guide that's well worth a look!
- **YouTube video series on Gardening for Biodiversity**
Following on from the Gardening for Biodiversity Booklet, Laois Heritage have created a mini video series on Gardening for Biodiversity which is available here:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4SXNMePVC2HROIoCSHz5M_yYAn6hE-vA
These short videos cover: Pond building, Creating a wildflower meadow, planting trees and hedgerows, creating a log pile and improving your garden for birds.
- **Pledge your Garden for Pollinators:**
This link shows a great poster from All Ireland Pollinator plan which outlines pollinator friendly actions which are broken down into the months of the year:
https://pollinators.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Pledge-your-Garden-for-Pollinators_WEB.pdf



Reading Recommendations

- Zoe Devlin - The wildflowers of Ireland: a field guide
This field guide will help you identify all the lovely wildflowers you discover emerging in areas managed for biodiversity
- Martin Rickard - Gardening with ferns
For a different view on gardens, have a look at this book and see if you would like to add a touch of the prehistoric to your areas with some ferns.
- John Brookes - Planting the country way
This book talks about how to plant in a way that compliments the surrounding countryside.
- Annie Martin - The magical world of moss gardening
This book talks about a different and softer kind of gardening, moss gardening! If you're interested in the beautiful and spongy world of mosses, this book is worth a look at.