

Good Garden Creatures

POLLINATORS

Fruits and vegetables flowers must be pollinated in some way to initiate development of the fruit or vegetables

Bees
Butterflies
Moths
Spiders
Flies
Wasps
Birds
Bats
Beetles – some – see box below

Don't spray harmful chemicals that will destroy these beneficial creatures. These chemicals can also kill the beneficial predators that feed on the pests you've killed.

DECOMPOSING ORGANIC 'WASTE'

There is no 'waste' in nature. Everything is needed by some creature to thrive.

Bacteria
Compost Worms
Beetles – some
Soldier Flies
Earthworms – garden worms

Centipedes have an image problem and large centipedes can inject you if you get in their way. However, centipedes are one of the few predators that readily devour slugs.



Ladybirds are good except for the 28 spotted ladybird.

- up to 1cm long
- light orange colour
- 28 spots

Larvae are a yellowish creamy colour with a frizzy outline. They feed on undersides of leaves.

Adults and larvae like a range of plants – but mainly the cabbage, potato and bean families.



ATTRACTING HELPERS TO YOUR GARDEN

- Plant a variety of flowers of different colours to attract various helpers into your garden.
- Make sure there are hiding spots for those that need them.
- Provide a moisture source eg a shaded shallow pond with water plants growing in it, or a saucer of water with pebbles in it

PREDATORS

These do a vital job by eating pests in your garden. Do everything you can to encourage them.



Birds
Owls
Hens
Ducks
Frogs
Lizards
Spiders
Ants
Bees
Wasps
Dragonflies
Damselflies

Lacewings
Ant Lions
Hoverflies
Assassin Bugs
Praying
Mantids
Ladybirds
Predatory
Mites



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