

gardens for wildlife | **VICTORIA**

Gardens for Wildlife is a voluntary program available for gardens of all shapes and sizes.

Get ideas on how to attract birds, insects, butterflies, lizards and other wildlife to your garden.

Here are some of the basic ingredients for a wildlife friendly garden. Moorabool Catchment Landcare Group will be able to provide more details of the species and needs of your local plants and animals:

- Plant in layers (groundcover, low shrubs, medium shrubs, trees)
- Try to put elements like water, ponds or mulch close to shelter and shrubs. The lawn is like 'enemy territory' that wildlife has to cross to get to safety.
- A mature tree, native to your area.
- Tree hollows.
- Dense shrubs (prickly will help keep cats away!) where birds can shelter.
- Birdbaths safe from cats.
- A frog-friendly pond (good for dragonflies too).
- A patch of natural mulch for beetles and worms.
- Nectar plants for honeyeaters.
- Spider-webs for birds to make nests.
- Butterfly hosting plants.

We are taking expressions of interest from landholders who would like to participate in an urban & peri-urban project to enhance biodiversity in their garden. It will include garden visits and some free plants.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer assessor to provide advice on gardens and how to make them wildlife friendly, please let us know. We will be offering training for assessors. Learn more about Gardens for Wildlife at this link:

<https://gardensforwildlifevictoria.com/>

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