



Butterfly Conservation

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment



Plant A Pot For Pollinators



Help butterflies, moths and other pollinators by adding a container of nectar plants to your garden or outdoor space this summer. It's an easy and low cost gardening project that will bring life and colour to your doorstep.

The pot

Any container that will hold soil can be used for planting. Remember your plants will grow in length and width, so choose a pot that won't leave them cramped. Get creative and source cheap containers from car boot sales or recycle household items but don't forget to add drainage holes.



The plants

Flowers attract pollinating insects to plants by producing nectar. Nectar provides the nutrients these insects need to fly. Just one container of nectar plants will act as a mini refuelling station for pollinators so that they can remain airborne and 'at work'.

The following plants are suitable for growing in containers; they can be found in most garden centres and when cultivated from young plants in May will flower the same summer. Use one plant per pot or combine several in a larger pot for a more impressive display.



Balkan Clary

Salvia nemorosa



Cosmos

Cosmos bipinnatus



Catmint

Nepeta



Cranesbill

Geranium



Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea



Shasta Daisy

Leucanthemum x superbum



Gayfeather

Liatris spicata



Giant Hyssop

Agastache



Lamb's Ears

Stachys byzantina



Wild Marjoram

Origanum vulgare

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YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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Step One

Fill two-thirds of the pot with compost. Make sure your compost is peat free – peat bogs are important habitats for many species including the rare Large Heath butterfly.



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Step Two

Add your plant or selection of plants. When you are happy with their position, top up the pot with more compost and firm them in gently.



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Step Three

Place your plant pot for pollinators in a sunny spot and water regularly.

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Step Four

Visit www.plantpotsforpollinators.org to put your pot on the map and discover how pollinator-friendly your neighbourhood is.



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