



# Organise a Garden Visit

*Gardens connecting people and wildlife together*

## Notice nature

Do you hear birds sing? Do butterflies, bees and blooms catch your eye? Want to fill your garden with wonder and help native wildlife?

**Then the Gardens for Wildlife program may interest you.**

Gardens for Wildlife is a free program open to all households, schools and businesses in Hume City that are interested in attracting and supporting native wildlife in their gardens.





## Nurture nature

Gardens for Wildlife inspires people to create gardens using plants that attract native birds, insects, butterflies, lizards and much more. These spaces become places where wildlife can visit, shelter and make their homes.

From a few pots to a little patch of plants or the whole yard, every bit of wildlife habitat adds to important connections across the landscape.

## Chat about nature

You can arrange a free garden visit with a friendly pair of volunteer Garden Guides who'll come to your place.

The Garden Guides will listen to what you like about your garden, and discuss what plants and wildlife you'd like to have in your garden.

Most importantly, you'll receive tips and advice on ways to create a wildlife-friendly garden in your space.

### There is a wildlife-friendly garden recipe... choose your ingredients:

- plant in layers (trees, shrubs, grasses, wildflowers and groundcovers)
- a mature tree, native to your area
- keep tree hollows or install nest boxes
- dense shrubs where birds can shelter
- nectar plants for honeyeaters
- native daisies for butterflies
- a frog-friendly pond
- natural mulch layer for bugs and worms
- a warm, sheltered spot for lizards
- cat-safe bird baths.

A brief garden report including more useful information, resources and upcoming events will be provided to you.

## Connecting nature and community

By participating in Gardens for Wildlife, you are helping to protect your local environment and support nature in Hume City. You will feel good about your efforts, experience interesting things, and want to tell others about the wildlife in your garden.

Please encourage your family and neighbours or even your school or work to get involved. You may even want to consider becoming a volunteer Garden Guide yourself.

Think about attending Gardens for Wildlife workshops to design and plan your own wildlife-friendly garden. You could also pick up some free indigenous seedlings at selected events.

The real joy is experiencing nature's response to your efforts. Make sure to share your habitat success stories and wildlife encounters with the Gardens for Wildlife community.



## Next steps

1. **Subscribe to the Live Green newsletter** and stay informed about Hume's Gardens for Wildlife events.
2. **Book a garden visit.** A Garden Guide will contact you to confirm your booking.
3. If no garden visits are available, complete your contact details below to go on a waitlist. We will contact you when garden visits become available to book.
4. **Explore the Gardens for Wildlife community.**
5. Think about becoming a volunteer Garden Guide.

**You can submit this form electronically or return a hard copy.**

Preferred first name

Surname

Street address

Suburb

Postcode

Contact email

Contact phone (daytime)

Please add my details to the garden visit waitlist.

Please send me more information about becoming a volunteer Garden Guide.

## For your information

Our volunteer Garden Guides have been screened and trained by Council, so it is safe to have them come to your home, school or business. Garden Guides will only spend time outside in your garden and stay up to an hour with you.

A limited number of garden visits are made available each season. There is no fee to participate but bookings are essential. A garden visit does not obligate you to any further action.

## Contact us

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