

# NESBiP July 2025 Update

## Wild About Your Garden Booklet



Thanks to a small grant given to us by TAQA, I've been able to create and print a booklet about wildlife gardening.

It's packed with advice to help you create a thriving wildlife garden, with plenty of links to further resources .

**You can download a copy here.**

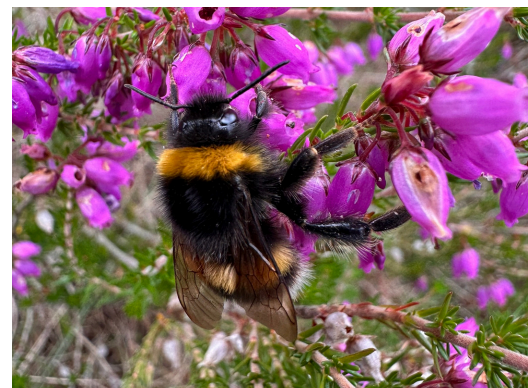
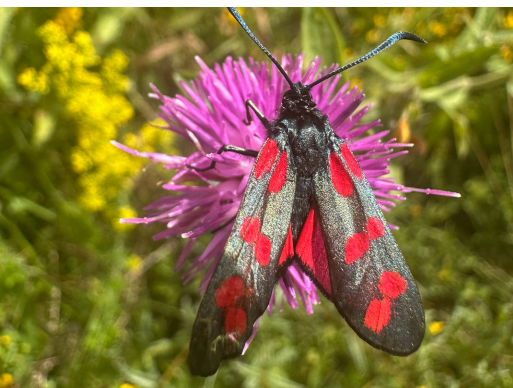
## NatureScot Big Biodiversity Value

As Scotland strives to protect 30% of its land and sea for nature by 2030, pinpointing areas of significant biodiversity value is crucial. NatureScot's Big Biodiversity Layer heatmaps highlight:

- Threatened species and habitats
- Under-represented natural ecosystems
- Ecological integrity
- Connectivity
- Other attributes essential for recognizing Other Effective Conservation Measure (OECM) sites on the journey to 2030.



**Take a look!**







## Guest Blog

### Meadow-in-a-box: A Different Approach to Urban Greening

Meadow-in-a-Box was created to fill a gap in Aberdeen City Councils approach to managing the city's green spaces. How could the City Council create beautiful, pollinator and people-friendly habitat that would also help combat the global climate emergency?

[Read more](#)



## St Fittick's Park BioBlitz



In partnership with **The James Hutton Institute, Nescan Hub, NESBReC North East Scotland Biological Records Centre, CuramFyvie, Friends of St Fittick's Park**, and 86 members of the public, we discovered over 150 species - and counting!

Please let me know if you would like support organising a BioBlitz.

## Citizen Science

There are some great citizen science projects at the minute, can you help?

- **200 hours of Lacewings challenge** – survey the Bordered Brown Lacewing! | Species On The Edge
- **Curious Craneflies** – Nature-based activities at night | Buglife & Derby University
- **Flower-Insect Timed Counts (FIT Counts)** – Help monitor pollinators | UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme
- **SmartRivers** – Sample and analyses invertebrates | Scottish Fresh Water Hub
- **Seagrass Spotter** – Help monitor seagrass | Project Seagrass
- **Big Butterfly Count** – Help monitor butterflies | Butterfly Conservation
- **And as always, don't forget to submit your sightings to NESBReC!**

## Upcoming Events

- Biodiversity day in Crates Castle Walled Gardens. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30 - 16:00 and various timed guided walks 🐞 **Find out more**
- Wildflower & Scything Workshop at Bawdely Head. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August
  - 11:00 – 12:30 – Scything Workshop 🐞 **Book here**
  - 13:30 – 15:00 – Scything Workshop 🐞 **Book here**
  - 13:30 – 15:00 – Wildflower Seed Collection 🐞 **Book here**
- Wildflower & Scything Workshop at Aden Park. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 10:00 - 15:00 🐞 **Book your place.**
- Wildflower & Scything Workshop at Tomintoul wildflower meadow. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 - 15:00 🐞 **Save the Date**
- Wildlife & Scything Workshop at Ury Riverside Park. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30 - 12:30 or 13:00 - 15:00 🐞 **Book your place.**
- Aberdeen Nectar Networks Conservation Officer is looking for volunteers to help with pollinator habitat creation at the Robert Gordon University campus from 11<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August. To find out more, please email Leanna at, **Leanna.Fernandez@buglife.org.uk.**
- Aberdeenshire Council Countryside Rangers 🐞 **Upcoming Events.**
- Aberdeen City Council Countryside Rangers 🐞 **Upcoming Events.**
- NESBReC 🐞 **Upcoming Events.**

## Other Updates

- NESBiP is on Instagram 🐞 **Follow us, tag us in your biodiversity photos and share our posts**
- RHS wildlife gardening competition - Hoverfly Lagoon 🐞 **Find out more**
- A brand new film club in Peterhead, and it's free to attend! 🐞 **Friends of the Earth Reel Change**
- Did you miss our previous newsletter and would like to catch up? Find them on our website 🐞 **NESBiP Monthly Newsletter**

