

Welcome animals to your garden









## GIVE ANIMALS A HELPING HAND

Periods of drought or extreme rain, less and less greenery and more paved surfaces... it's not always easy for animals to obtain food or suitable shelter and nesting places. By slightly adapting our gardens, balconies and terraces, we can make them suitable for birds, squirrels, hedgehogs, butterflies, bees and other insects.

#### SUITABLE GARDEN

How to make your garden suitable for animals? Provide for great variety with native plants and shrubs. Birds love plants with berries, butterflies and bees love nectar-rich plants. By making your garden suitable for all animals, you create a kind of balance and you'll notice that you will also attract many animals. Birds, for example, also love insects. Include as little pavement as possible and create a beautiful lawn. Blackbirds and song thrushes will be plucking worms from your grass for sure. You can also make your garden suitable for animals by creating hiding places for birds, squirrels and hedgehogs. For example, hang nesting boxes, erect a hedgehog house and help insects by hanging an insect hotel.

#### **ALL YEAR ROUND**

Think that birds only need your help in winter? No, you can lend them a hand all year round. Make it easy for animals and make them feel at home in your garden. You'll see that they return more often. This way you can regularly enjoy their presence in your garden.



## FEEDING BIRDS YEAR ROUND

#### **SPRING AND SUMMER**

Spring is a busy time for birds; they're looking for a mate, have to build a nest and lay eggs, and then also raise their young. During this period, the birds need food rich in calcium and proteins, such as insects. For example, think of mealworms or grasshoppers.

#### **AUTUMN**

In autumn, birds prepare for the winter and actively search for nutrient-rich places. During this period, they are happy to munch on berries, but also like fat balls and peanuts.



#### WINTER

In winter it's difficult to find food and a lot of a birds' energy is spent keeping their bodies warm. You can please them with fat balls and peanuts. Also make sure fresh drinking water is available. Never give hot water, especially in freezing weather.

## WHO EATS WHAT?

Each animal has its own preferences. In addition to preferences for what they eat, animals also have preferences for the place and the way they eat.

With birds, you can sometimes tell what they are eating by examining their beaks. Birds with a pointed beak mainly eat insects. These insectivores prefer to eat from the ground, in a sheltered location. Birds with a coneshaped beak like to eat pips and seeds. These birds like to eat on feeding boards, feeding tables and in feeding houses.

## BLACKBIRD, SONG THRUSH, REDWING, FIELDFARE, STARLING

**Feed:** fruits and berries, feed mix.

Feeding place: on the ground or a low, flat surface,

near shelter.

#### TITS

Feed: fat balls, peanuts, pips and feed mix.

Feeding place: prefer to eat on a feeding table or in a

feeding house; you can also hang the

feed in a tree.

#### SPARROWS AND FINCH

**Feed:** seeds and pips, feed mixes, peanuts

and fat balls with peanuts.

Feeding place: on the ground or a flat surface.

#### **WOODPECKER, NUTHATCH, TREECREEPER**

Feed: peanuts, fat balls, pips and seeds.
Feeding place: at a tree trunk in a quiet place.

#### **SQUIRRELS**

Feed: peanuts, acorns,

nuts, pips and seeds.

Feeding place: at a tree trunk in a quiet

place.





Clean the water bowl and feeding table regularly.



#### WATER

Be sure to also provide water in addition to food. You can make animals happy all year round with a water bowl. In the summer, the birds can even bathe in it, which is great fun to watch. In winter, the birds also enjoy snow and small chunks of ice. Just make sure the water is clean by cleaning the bowl daily and changing the water. For hedgehogs, place the water bowl on the ground.



### FEEDERS, FEED HOUSES AND FEEDING STATIONS

You can hang a fat ball or a net of peanuts in the garden, but you can also opt for a feeder or feeding station.

These come in all shapes and sizes and are a true enrichment for your garden.

Take, for example, a simple steel feeder or a feeder in wood look; there are all kinds of options to suit your taste and garden.

If you want to make many different types of birds happy, go for a complete feeding station that is suitable for all kinds of bird feed.



## BÛTEN

Bûten, a fresh, Frisian word for outside. Because that's where we'd all prefer to be. In our garden, on the balcony or terrace. We don't have to keep this green oasis to ourselves: we can share it with the animals in our nature. In this collection you'll find feed, bird houses, shelters, insect hotels and much more to welcome animals to your garden.

Tip; Placing the peanuf butterjar in the feeder gives the bird a wonderfully quiet place where it will gladly perch to eat.



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#### **BIRD HOUSE**

A bird house allows birds to quietly enjoy their food even in bad weather. The roof protects them from rain and wind, and prevents the feed from getting wet. Put different kinds of feed in it to attract different birds. Tits like to come here to snack.

Tip; Do not put too much food on the shelf or in the house at once, as this can cause mould. Better to opt for small amounts and top up regularly.



#### INSECT HOTELS

Insects could also use some help.
Because our homes are increasingly
insulated and all seams and cracks are closed, it's more
difficult for them to find a place to nest. Provide flowers
that attract bees and butterflies and hang an insect hotel
for them. They'll quickly feel at home!



#### **HEDGEHOG HOUSE**

Hedgehogs face increasing difficulty in finding a place to hibernate. Create cluttered corners in the garden and give them a nice place with this hedgehog house.



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