



# Let it Grow for Nature

Is your local green space good for pollinators?

**Did you know that 97% of meadows have been lost since the 1930s?**

That's a huge problem for wildlife that rely on those wildflowers for food and shelter. But you and your local green grassy space (like your school, park, garden and football field) can help!

Even the smallest wild patch can be a buzzing buffet for bees and butterflies. That's why #NoMowMay is a great place to start. Let the grass grow wild, and keep a mix of grass lengths all summer long. Nature will love you for it!



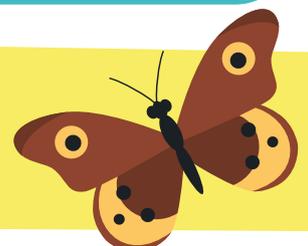
**Do you know how good your local green space is for pollinators? Let's find out!**

Complete these 5 mini challenges between May and July and circle your scores below:

	Not Good	Good	Very Good
<b>Challenge 1:</b> Number of different flower colours	0-2	3-5	6+
<b>Challenge 2:</b> Number of different flower shapes	0-2	3-5	6+
<b>Challenge 3:</b> Number of different leaf shapes	0-2	3-5	6+
<b>Challenge 4:</b> Number of different pollinators	0	0-3	3+
<b>Before you do challenge 5 - take a guess!</b> Do you think your area might be...	Not Good	Good	Very Good
<b>Challenge 5:</b> How many flowers are in the area	Picture 1	Picture 2	Picture 3
<b>After completing all 5 challenges,</b> I think my area may be...	Not Good	Good	Very Good

## What's a pollinator?

A bee, butterfly, or insect that moves pollen from one flower to another. This helps plants grow seeds and fruit (called pollination).



# Do you know how good your local green space is for pollinators?

## Complete these mini challenges to find out!

**Challenge 1:** How many **different** colours of wildflowers can I see in a square (10 paces by 10 paces) or along a 40 pace path?

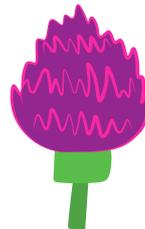
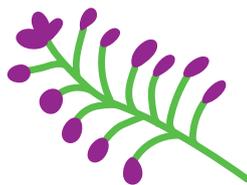
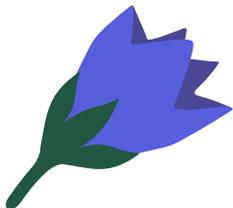
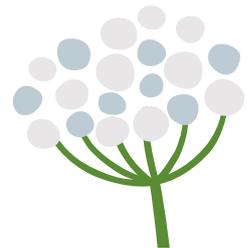
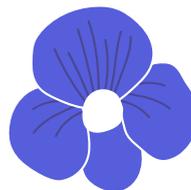
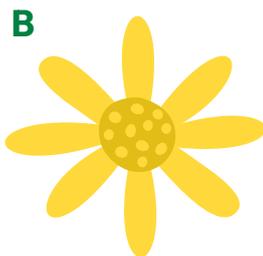
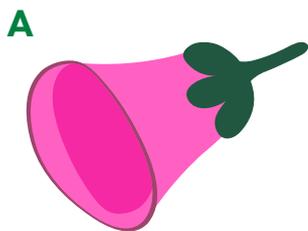
I counted this many flower colours



**Did you know?**  
Bees see colours differently to us and blues and purples are especially bright for them.

Different flower shapes are important! Pollinators with long tongues like closed or tube-shaped flowers like **Flower A** and pollinators with short tongues like open flowers like **Flower B**.

**Challenge 2:** How many **different** wildflower shapes can I see in a square (10 paces by 10 paces) or along a 40 pace path?



I counted this many flower shapes



**Did you know?**  
Nectar is the sugary liquid bees and butterflies collect with their hollow tongue (called a proboscis). It gives them energy!



## Did you know?

Different shaped leaves belong to different plants which have different flowers. More shapes of leaf in an area means more types of flowers. Mowing too frequently can stop flowers from appearing. A

**Challenge 3:** How many different types of leaf can I see in a 15cm square?

I counted this many leaf shapes



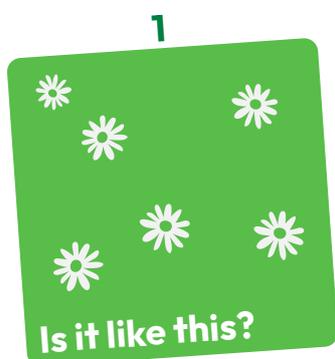
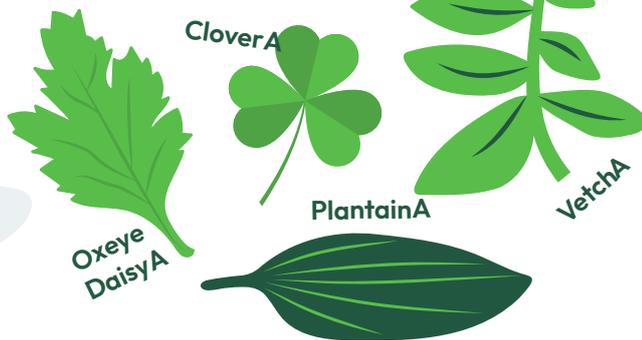
## Did you know?

The UK is home to 59 different kinds of butterflies and around 270 types of wild bees - including 24 kinds of bumblebees! A



**Challenge 4:** How many different types of pollinators can I see?

I counted this many pollinators



There may be different types of flowers in an area but there may not be many of them. The more flowers there are in an area the more food (nectar and pollen) there is for pollinators.

**Challenge 5:** How many flowers are in the area? Choose from picture 1, 2 or 3!

The flowers look most like picture



Help nature and let your lawn grow long this May and beyond. A

And if you'd like to help us some more: A

- Put up No Mow May signs on your windows or on your lawns
- Talk about No Mow May and encourage others to join
- Share your #NoMowMay movement on social media
- Learn about the wildlife you're helping in your garden

Scan the QR code or visit [plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay](http://plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay)

