

# WILDFLOWERS



Native wildflower meadows are in decline and the wildlife they support, and in particular bees, are in desperate need of our help. Insects provide gardeners, allotment growers and farmers alike with invaluable help by way of pollinating crops as they feed on the nectar produced by these flowers.

Some of the plants in these mixes will only produce flowers in their second year, so the best way to plant them is to allocate a small space to plant the small clumps of plants, space them about a foot away from the next clump, keep them well watered, and at the end of the flowering season, cut the plants back, shake out the seeds and rake them into the surrounding soil, allowing the wild patch to become more naturalized.

I grow a small patch of wildflowers near the doors to my polytunnel at the allotment as it encourages bees to where I need them most. Since sowing the seeds several years ago I haven't had to re-sow the patch as the flowers self-seed each year.

The packs we offer are Cornfield Annuals, Bee & Butterfly Mix, and Hedgerow & Light Shade Mix. Details of the exact species found in each of the seed mixes are available on request.

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