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CLOSE TO NATURE GARDEN DESIGN: A PARADISE FOR WILD ANIMALS AND INSECTS



Biotope garden © Creativhotel Luise



For the wellbeing of our ecosystems it is important to protect local wild animals. Just recently the [preservation of biodiversity in the garden](#) was one of our topics. Subject today is to give you practical tips for a close to nature garden design appropriate to the living space of the species living outside next to us. The initiatives of our [Green Pearls®](#) partners demonstrate how easy it is to create a paradise for insects, birds, hedgehogs and other garden inhabitants!



Pink-necked pigeon at © The Tong sai Bay

HOME IN THE TREES

For the inhabitants of tree and hedges like birds, garden sleepers or squirrels, nesting places and resting places are vital. In the [SCHWARZWALD PANORAMA](#), sparrows and co. therefore find bird houses and a nesting place on the roof. For your own garden you can buy aviaries, for example, at DIY companies or you build it yourselves, then you know the material. Untreated timber stimulates your creativity to design small bird's villas or comfortable small houses 😊 you can find numerous instructions online. Beside trees, bushes often offer hiding place for many animals – and also are an important feed source. Therefore, you can find many local hedges in the garden of the [Bio-Agrivilla i pini](#). To extend the living space of the wild animals, [The Tongtai Bay](#) plants new trees regularly.

Water is as important as food – also for insects! Maybe in your garden there is a protected place for bird's bath? Not only for birds but also squirrel and insects – in particular in drought times is important to provide water for the animals. Our pinnate friends also love to take a bath her 😊 Or you hang up a water dispenser in the trees, like the [Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel](#) in Peru.

Info

The opinions on all-year feeding of birds strongly vary. The idea was to protect the birds threatened by the insect death. It requires a sensitive handling, because the insectivores belong to the soft food eaters and are not interested in punches. Hence, you can buy either dead insects at a zoo shop, or provide soft feed like oatmeal, poppy, bran, raisins and fruit. If you are unsure whether you should feed or not simply contact a conservation group in your region. “



Meadow in the organic hotel garden © i pini

CHAOS IN THE GARDEN FOR HAPPY ANIMALS

Of course, gardens are not as natural and “chaotic” as forests or wild meadows. But exactly these messy places are important for hedgehogs, mice and co. Hedgehogs need a warm and secure hiding place for a restful hibernation. In autumn you can build a hideaway with dead wood, green waste and foliage where the spiny little animals comfort themselves. Therefore, the team of the [Bio-Agrivilla i pini](#) every year creates small biotopes offering a hiding place for the garden inhabitants.

In autumn people oftentimes save the hedgehogs in their gardens, sometimes, however, without any reason. If you find a hedgehog and you are unsure whether it will survive winter, have a look at the guidebooks of conservation groups (e.g., [Oak and Furrows](#)) or ask a veterinarian. For the protection of snakes and lizards, stone heaps or stone gardens offer the ideal protection for summer.





Insect hotel © Green Pearls

HUMMING GARDEN

We hear the same thing time and again: Insects are inalienable assistants. They pollinate plants, decompose foliage and dead branches, fortify the ground with minerals and break it – only some reasons why the protection is so important! The insects find food and you get fruits – a true win win situation. The [Keemala Resort](#) sources herbs, fruit and vegetables from its own bio-garden;)

Just as the tree dwellers, insects also need places to gather strength. In shops you can therefore find so called insect hotels. In the garden of the [SCHWARZWALD PANORAMA](#) in [Bad Herrenalb](#) you can discover these hiding places. By the way, they can easily be built by oneself – filled with fir cone, bark, hay or floors they offer shelter and are decorative 😊 Or what about your own beehive, as can be found at found at the [Creativhotel Luise](#)? Beehives need professional care, which is why they are not necessarily suitable for amateur gardeners.



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