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**PLANT BIODIVERSITY-FRIENDLY TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS**

For more tips and advice on planting for biodiversity, including recommendations of native trees and pollinator-friendly plants and shrubs, see <https://pollinators.ie/sports-clubs>

**Plant biodiversity-friendly trees around the club grounds**

- Planting additional pollinator-friendly trees provides a vital source of food, particularly in spring, and are low maintenance once planted.
- Willow is a very important food source in early spring when bumblebee queens emerge from hibernation. Having Grey/Goat Willow, or other native species like Blackthorn, Whitethorn, Rowan, Crab Apple or Wild Cherry as individual mature trees around the grounds will provide important food for pollinators.
- Trees can be planted as a biodiversity-friendly mini-woodland or linear strip of native trees along a biodiversity walking trail.
- See <https://pollinators.ie/sports-clubs/> for simple and practical planting ideas and advice.

**Plant Pollinator-Friendly Shrubs**

There are a range of pollinator-friendly native and non-native shrubs that are very low maintenance and can create beds that offer lots of food for pollinators throughout the year.

<p>Rosemary</p>  	<p>Berberis</p>  	<p>Broom</p>  	<p>Firethorn/Pyracantha</p>  	<p>Hyssop</p>  
<p>Hebe</p>  	<p>Heathers</p>  	<p>Viburnum</p>  	<p>Daphne bholua</p>  	<p>Mahonia</p>  
 Spring	 Summer	 Autumn	 Winter	

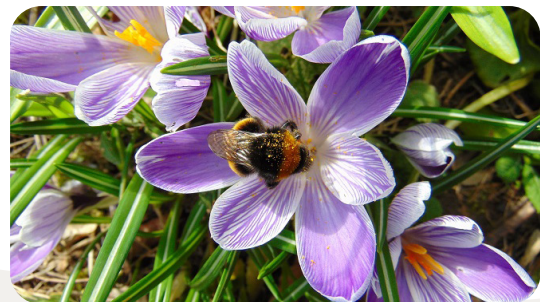


## Make flower beds and containers pollinator friendly

- Perennial flower beds placed at the club entrance or around club buildings will grow back year after year and provide a vital pollinator food source. Incorporating some pollinator-friendly plants in window boxes, hanging baskets or other containers can be very colourful and brighten up any community building.
- Contact your local Tidy Towns, Men's shed or other community groups about collaboration opportunities.
- For more extensive pollinator-friendly plant lists – for trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs – please see the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Planting Code at <https://pollinators.ie/resources> (under 'Flies & Pollinator-friendly Plant Lists').

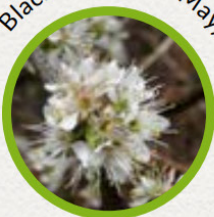
## Plant a new native hedgerow

- On new sites or where you are considering replacing fencing, or an old non-native hedge, it is worth considering planting a new native hedgerow.
- The ideal native hedgerow is made up of 75% Whitethorn and 25% of at least four other species, for instance: Blackthorn, Hazel, native Willows, Wild Cherry, White beam, Spindle, Rowan, Wild Roses, or Elder. They provide important food for pollinators.
- To be pollinator-friendly, a native hedgerow must be managed so that as much as possible is allowed to flower each year. See <https://pollinators.ie/sports-clubs/> for guidance and for further suggestions.



### Native flowering hedgerow plants that are good for pollinators:

Blackthorn (Mar-May)



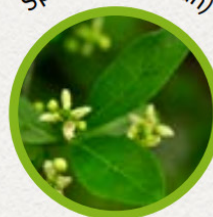
Wild Cherry (Apr-May)



Elder (May-Jun)



Spindle (May-Jun)



Wild roses (Jun-Aug)



Willow (Mar-May)



Whitethorn/Hawthorn (Apr-Jun)



Crab apple (May-Jun)



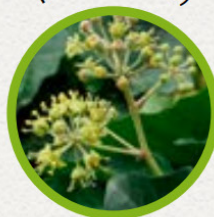
Rowan (May-Jun)



Bramble/Blackberry (May-Sept)



Ivy (Sept-Nov)



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