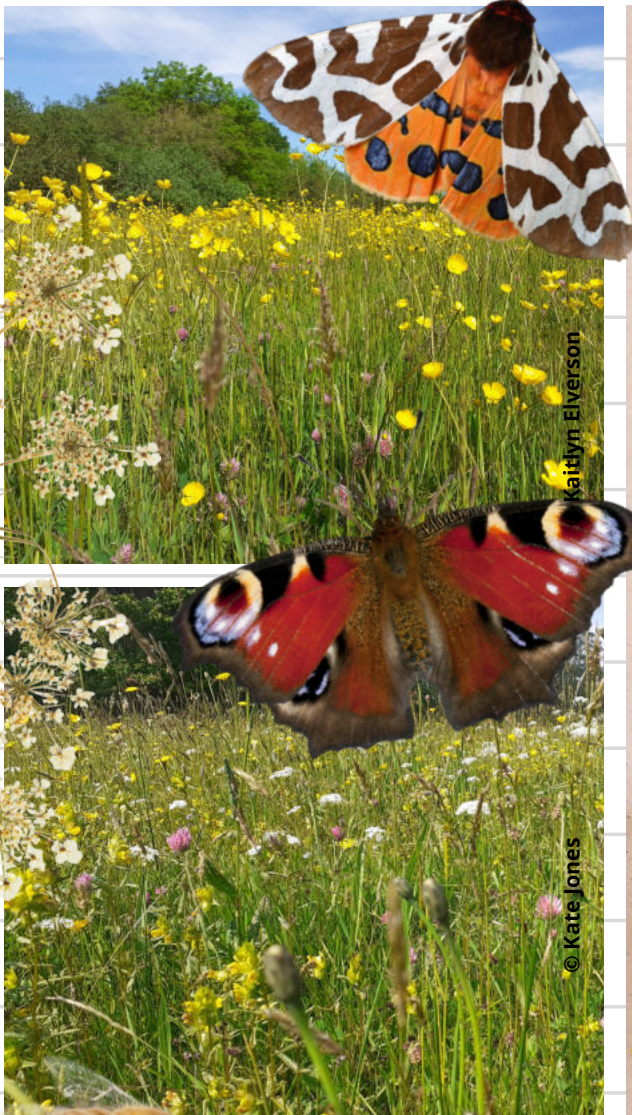


How to Make a Meadow

Pollinators like bees, butterflies, moths and lots of other insects need flowers for nectar. In the UK, we've lost 97% of our flower-rich grasslands since the 1930s, meaning that our pollinators have less flowers to feed from and less pollen to spread about.

But you can help - planting wildflowers in your garden or a plant pot will help pollinators in your area by creating a mini-meadow that will provide lots of nectar and pollen, and a beautiful space in your garden. So let's get started!



How to make a Mini-Meadow

1. Pick your spot: a sunny space in your garden or a plant pot is perfect. Use peat-free soil if you're planting in a pot.
2. Create bare ground so the seed has direct contact with the soil, giving it the best chance of growing.
3. Plant your seed mix from September to October. Scatter your seed mix on the ground surface, don't bury it. Then, just walk over the area to make sure the seeds have made contact with the soil.
4. Keep the meadow cut short from September to February and in March let the meadow grow wild.
5. In August, cut the meadow but make sure you take the cuttings off so they don't smother the ground and stop next year's wildflowers coming through.



Log your meadow on the B-Lines map:
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