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NEWSLETTER FOR BUSINESS SUPPORTERS: JUNE 2020

To do this month: make sure your business property doesn't have any pollinator hunger gaps

Try to make sure your business property (and garden) has something flowering from March to October for pollinators to feed on. In my garden, it's currently the Clover in the lawn as well as various trees and shrubs (Laburnum, Lavender, Wallflower, Catmint). The bumblebees and solitary bees are earning their keep at the minute as they're also very busy pollinating my fruit trees/bushes, strawberries, tomatoes and courgettes!

Pollinator-friendly garden plants: https://pollinators.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/AIPP-Garden-Plants_A5-Flyer-PRINT.pdf

Pollinator-friendly herbs: <https://www.pollinators.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AIPP-Herbs-A5-Flyer-PRINT.pdf>

Pollinator-friendly plants for YOUR GARDEN

Our pollinating insects are in decline. One third of our 99 bee species are at risk of extinction. By choosing pollen-rich flowers for your garden, you will help provide much-needed food our Bumblebees and other pollinating insects as well as creating a beautiful colourful garden. There are lots of pollinator-friendly plants to choose from.

To learn more about the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, see www.pollinators.ie



Grape hyacinth	Wallflower	Lungwort	Berberis
Broom	Rosemary	Borage	Comfrey
Allium	Foxglove	Catmint	Calamint
Bellflower	Scabious	Lamb's-ear	Globe thistle
Stonecrop	Verbena	Lavender	Sneezeweed

Spring

Summer

To spot this month: Keep an eye out for the Red-tailed Bumblebee

This bumblebee is very common. The females are entirely black with a red tail.



Thank you for helping us to promote World Bee Day

Many of you shared our message or took actions yourselves on World Bee Day. We are very grateful to you all for your support. Pollinator Week is happening this year from June 22-28, 2020 <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week> Keep an eye on the AIPP website for anything happening in Ireland.

Janet Whelehan



See the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan on Nationwide

Nationwide covered the work of the National Biodiversity Data Centre as well as the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan on their show on the 27th May. You can see the episode on the RTE player at:

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/nationwide/SI0000001172?epguid=IH000382854>

RTÉ **PLAYER** HOME LIVE SEARCH 🔍

Nationwide

An eclectic round-up of news, views and events from around the country each week.

RTÉ ONE Next broadcast: Wednesday 03 Jun - 7:00 PM



Watch Now

Wed 27 May 2020
24 min

This evening's programme is all about nature, biodiversity and the great outdoors. We visit the National Biodiversity Data Centre in Waterford to find out about the importance of biodiversity, public awareness and our engagement with it.

Only 24 days left to watch

- ▶ Fri 29 May 2020
- ▶ **Wed 27 May 2020**
- ▶ Mon 25 May 2020
- ▶ Fri 22 May 2020
- ▶ Wed 20 May 2020
- ▶ Mon 18 May 2020
- ▶ Fri 15 May 2020
- ▶ Wed 13 May 2020

Now is the time to input your ideas into AIPP 2021-2025!

We are now actively working on the next version of the AIPP. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you think we should consider please send them to us. You can do this using the survey monkey form – anonymously if you wish! All ideas, big, small and radical are gratefully received and all will be given consideration.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35SSJ89>

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025: ideas or suggestions

www.pollinators.ie

1. Comments or feedback on the first phase of the AIPP 2015-2020 (optional)

2. Your suggestions or ideas for the next phase of the AIPP 2021-2025

3. Name and email address (optional)

Name

Email Address

Amazing things are happening as a result of reduced mowing across the island!

It's hard to describe in full, but amazing biodiversity has been reappearing as a result of reduced mowing for pollinators. Follow us on twitter @PollinatorPlan where people are sharing pictures. A rare Green-winged Orchid appeared on an unmown grassy verge in a Portlaoise housing estate, nearly 120 years after it was previously found in the general area! Since last weekend, over 300 rare bee orchids have appeared on Middleton roadside verges (photo below)! This is the first year of their reduced mowing regime as part of the town Pollinator Plan. The impact of reducing mowing in appropriate areas of your business site could be enormous!

The National Biodiversity Data Centre has written to all Council CEO's in ROI to highlight what a positive impact recent reduced mowing on public land has had.

<https://pollinators.ie/does-the-lockdown-bring-any-silver-linings/>

<https://www.naturalcapitalireland.com/post/guest-blog-the-district-council-bringing-back-the-bees-with-a-pollinator-plan>



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