

Bumblebee lifecycle



Queen bumblebee
underground hibernating

Main food

Willow



Blackthorn



Look out for

Over wintering insects you may see in your shed or home; Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly, Herald Moth, Queen wasps. Bumblebee queens will emerge from hibernation when the temperature begins to warm up.



Activities

Make your farm garden pollinator friendly <https://pollinators.ie/gardens/>

Seasonal actions for pollinators

Winter

DECEMBER

Make a pollinator plan for your farm. Wild pollinators are hibernating now and don't need our help just yet, use the time to find out more about pollinators and what you can do on your farm to help.

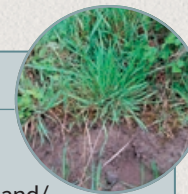
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JANUARY

Create a bee bank for solitary bees. If you have a hedgerow that has an earth and/or stone bank they provide ideal nesting and overwintering sites for mining solitary bees, particularly if they are south facing.

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JANUARY

Create a pond and retain ditches. Marginal and submerged native plants are good, as some hoverfly larvae live in water. Keeping the water clean is essential, so make sure silt, fertiliser and pesticide run-off cannot enter ditches and ponds.



FEBRUARY

Maintain standing and fallen dead and decaying wood across your farm, it will provide nesting sites for species such as solitary wasps and hoverflies.

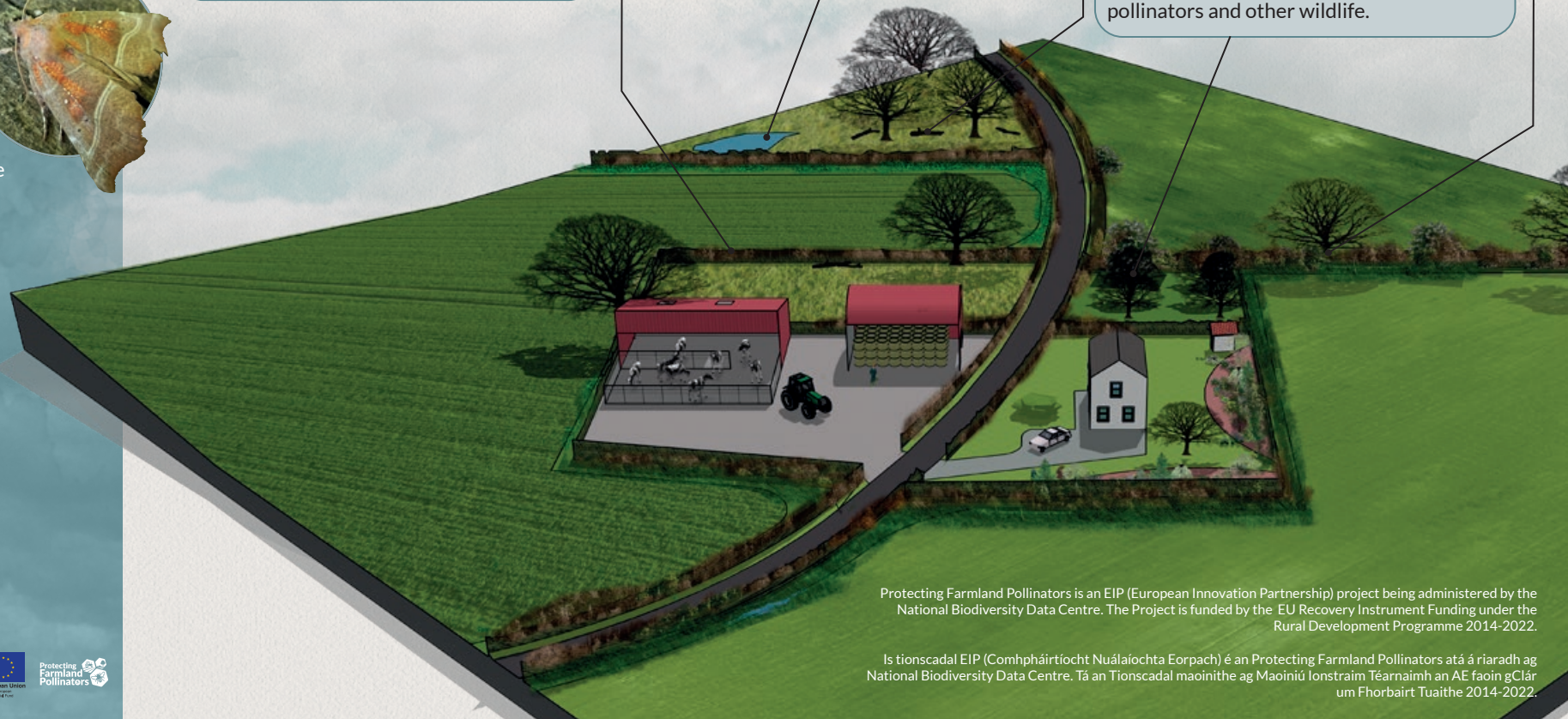
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Plant some pollinator friendly trees to grow as individual mature specimens around the farm, such as, Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Wild Cherry and Whitebeam.



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Retain traditional orchards, they're great for pollinators and other wildlife.



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