

ORCHARDS

PERFECT FOR POLLINATORS



Orchards are great habitats for pollinators such as wild bees and hoverflies, which in turn help the trees produce fruit. Planting just five fruit trees can provide food and shelter for pollinators, and homegrown fruit for you.

Top tips on managing your orchard for pollinators

SPRING

Don't mow, let grass and wildflowers grow for food and shelter. Avoid using chemicals.

SUMMER

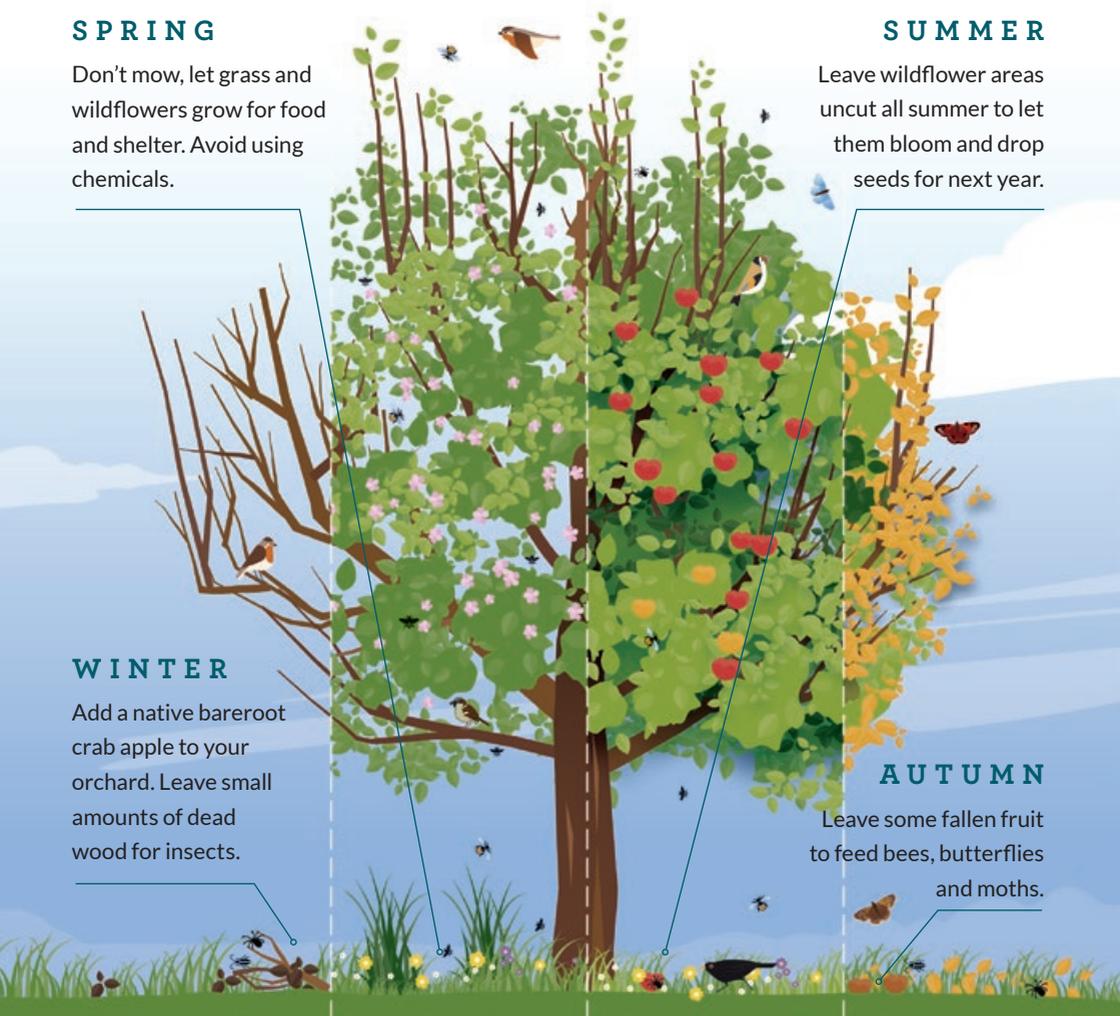
Leave wildflower areas uncut all summer to let them bloom and drop seeds for next year.

WINTER

Add a native bareroot crab apple to your orchard. Leave small amounts of dead wood for insects.

AUTUMN

Leave some fallen fruit to feed bees, butterflies and moths.



Spot what's in your Orchard

You can keep track of the pollinators in your orchard by do-ing a 10-minute Flower-Insect-Timed (FIT) count on your blossom in the spring. This helps us understand and monitor biodiversity on the island of Ireland.

Find out more how to do a FIT count by following the QR Code, or visiting our website. Here are some species you might spot



Early Mining Bee



Red Mason Bee



Early Bumblebee



Common Carder Bee



Dronefly



Tiger Hoverfly