Helping wildlife during a heatwave

Dehydration and heat exhaustion is a serious threat to wildlife at this time of year, but we can all do our bit to help! So, let's look at the different ways we can help them, and see if you can write down some ideas of your own too. Let's go, wildlife warriors!



Hedgehogs

Our little spiky hedgehog friends will LOVE a wide, shallow bowl of water and some meaty hedgehog or pet food - natural sources of food & water can be hard to come by at this time of year! We don't want our lovely hogs to get hungry or dehydrated.

Do you have a fish pond in your garden?

If so, it's important to make sure the water stays clean and doesn't grow a lot of weeds!

If you can find a way to provide a bit of shade over part of the pond, that can help the creatures that call it home, too!





Garden Birds

Feeding garden birds all year round can be a lifesaver - we already know that! At this time of year, providing a water bath can be too! Check out our craft section and make your own bird bath this summer!

Bird baths are perfect for our feathered friends as it allows them to splash around and cool down and have a much-needed drink when there's not much water around.

Bugs, bees and butterflies

Can you provide a wildflower area and some nectar-rich plants? This will be enjoyed by many animals and insects, bees and butterflies included!



Bees

Our buzzy bee friends can often suffer from heat exhaustion in the hot weather. If you see a bee lying on the ground, offer it a sugar and water solution on a teaspoon to give it a much-needed energy boost.

