

Plant native

giving nature a helping hand

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Does it say that a native plant is one that has been growing in this country since the last ice age and that they provide nectar for our native insect so that they can pollinate the plants that we eat?



Hello everyone. I have just been reading that native plants are very important to the ecology of our Island



That must mean plants from a foreign country will not develop seed that will germinate because the insects that pollinate them are in the country they came from



It also says insects that have evolved in this country are dependant upon these native plants, that they have evolved together

Before you start digging up an area to sow wild flower seed it might be a good idea to experiment. Ask your parents if you can select a square metre of the lawn. Then let it grow naturally until the end of the summer. You might discover that there are wild flowers already there waiting for the opportunity to grow.



Break-time discussion group

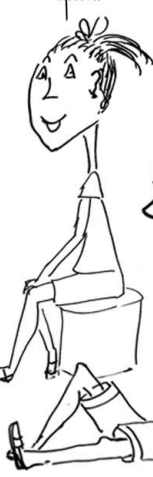
I love insects and I think our school should grow a wild flower area in its grounds so that our bumble bees can have a healthy and varied diet



I agree in fact I read that there is only 3% of wild flower meadow left since the first world war, because they dug up the meadows to grow corn



In that case I am going to ask my mum and dad if I can have a wild flower patch at home for our insects.



I am going to see if I can find some seed with local provenance. Seed that has been collected from flowers on the Isle of Wight.



Wild flowers also produce seed for our native animals to eat in the Autumn and Winter

You need to remember that wild flower seeds can take 2-3 years to germinate. So don't be disappointed if the first year has a poor showing. We recommend that you sow a nursery crop of cornflower mix annuals with the wildflower seeds