

Bee-friendly Buddleia

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Our stunning flowers are a must-have for the wildlife friendly gardener. These highly fragrant flowers will encourage all manner of bees and butterflies into your garden. These vigorous shrubs will add dramatic colour from July through to September. Thrives in sunny and partially shaded locations. Mature height and spread 200cm. 9cm pot plants supplied.

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Q&A

Is it brown and out for my new conifer?

» Why is my newly-planted conifer turning brown?

James, via email
DAVID: Conifers go brown for a range of reasons, including not enough light or exposure to cold winds. But given the summer we're having, I'd say dehydration is most likely. If the brown patches are insignificant, you may be able to rescue it by watering once or twice a week from now on. If that doesn't do it, I'm afraid you're looking at replacing it.

Bee there

BIT OF A BUZZ Bees go wild for lavender

SACRIFICIAL Dahlias will lure away the slugs

GROW AND SHOW There's plenty to see at Southport

SLIME TIME Slugs come out when it's cool and wet

Slugs cause around £8m of crop damage every year in the UK

along the way. Here's a sneak preview but, to hear more, grab yourself a ticket and head to Southport.

Slugs
A common garden pest, slugs have been around in the UK since the end of the last ice age.

As a nocturnal species prone to drying out, slugs spend most of their lives underground. They only venture out in the cool and wet – which is why we see hundreds of their silver trails the morning after a cold rainy night.

As we all know, slugs love to eat plants, causing an estimated £8million of crop damage a year in the UK.

One way to protect your garden is with "sacrificial" flowerbeds to tempt slugs away from your prized blooms. Nasturtium, hostas, petunias, dahlia and delphiniums all work well.

Or just fill your garden with plants slugs dislike. These include plants with tough leaves they find hard to chew (geraniums or ferns) or those that taste bitter (spurge or foxgloves).

For more top tips on slug control, see my website, [daviddomoney.com](#).

TIP of the week

Roses are in the same family as strawberries – and their petals are edible. Try rose petals in cooking where you might use strawberries – salads, jams and drinks, or as edible decoration.

OFFER of the week

Buddleia Sungold is a yellow flowering Butterfly bush that is simple to grow and will be covered in an abundance of yellow flower clusters on arching stems throughout the summer.

The amazing fragrance attracts butterflies and bees. Its eventual height can be 3metres but like all Buddleia you can prune hard in March to keep it to a manageable size. Supplied in a 9cm pot.

You can buy one for £7.99 or order three for the price of two, only £15.98.

To order by debit/credit card call **0843 922 5000** quoting **SM35022** or send a cheque made payable to MGN SM35022 to **Mirror Buddleia Sungold Offer (SM35022)**, PO Box 64, South West District Office, Manchester, M16 9HY or visit [mirrorgardenoffers.co.uk](#)

GADGET

A clever hose you're reel-y going to love

Traditional hoses can be heavy, impractical and dirty to lug around. The award-winning YOYO extendable hosepipe by FITT is a lightweight, compact hose that extends to twice its length when in use and shrinks back to its original size afterwards.

It doesn't kink or bunch, and is durable and made to last. It comes with a five-year warranty and is available in four different lengths (from 8m to 30m). The YOYO hose costs from £24.99 to £49.99, via [yoyoextendablehose.co.uk](#).

Carol's helping

WORKSHOPS Carol with Notcutts colleagues

to cultivate a healthy attitude towards wildlife

Entries for Cultivation Street 2018 close tomorrow – so get yours in quickly for a chance to share the £20,500 of prizes.

Carol Watson is a sales assistant at Notcutts garden centre in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, where she gives talks, leads workshops and helps community groups and schools with their projects.

The mum-of-two, who entered our garden centre ambassador category, loves watching visitors to her garden

back into the soil. To create a microbe-friendly environment, mix lots of organic material, such as manure or compost, into your soil or cover it with natural mulch such as bark chippings.

Microbes slowly break this down, adding moisture, air and nutrients to your soil in the process. Or you can buy or make a compost tea – a liquid full of billions of beneficial microbes. Added to soil or sprayed on foliage, it is the ultimate microbial boost.

Bees
The UK is home to more than 250 species of bee, from fuzzy bumble bees to lean honey bees. We have striped black and white bees and gristly orangutan-like bees. All play a hugely important part in our ecosystem.

They pollinate our crops, our garden plants and our wild flowers – helping to keep us fed and ensure the next generation of plants comes into existence. Yet bees are now in big trouble. In recent winters, we've lost as much as half of the bee population in some areas of Europe.

The good news is that this is an area in which gardeners can have a truly incredible impact.

Planting flowers that provide nectar and pollen for bees throughout the season is a brilliant way to support them and help bolster their numbers.

Good plants to achieve this include globe thistles, lavender, buddleia and wallflowers. Foxgloves, too, are a big hit with bees.

And if you have herbs in your garden such as chives, thyme, oregano and sage, an effort-free way to feed the bees is by letting some of the stems flower.

For more about bees and how you can help them, listen to my Grasping the Nettle podcast on YouTube.

■ For more info and tickets, visit [southportflowershow.co.uk](#).