

## Biodiversity management options

This table summarises 26 management options to improve biodiversity around your site. We recommend getting a survey of the wildlife on your site (see page 1) and/or consulting your local Wildlife Trust before the work starts to help you select which options and plant species are best for your site. You can also use the RHS website <http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice> to help select plants suitable for your soil type and location.

Quick guide to scales		
Density*	Cost	Level of ongoing maintenance
Low	£10 - £200	Minimal
Medium	£200 - £1000	Annual
High	£1000 +	Regular

Option	Housing density suitability			Cost			Level of ongoing maintenance			
	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	
<b>Plants: grassland and flowers</b>										
1	Reduced mowing	•	•		N/A - cost-saving			•		
2	Addition of Yellow-rattle	•	•		•				•	
3	Wildflower enhancement: plug plants	•	•		•	•			•	
4	Re-seed grassland with meadow mix	•	•		•				•	
<b>Plants: trees and shrubs</b>										
5	Plant native wildlife hedge	•	•	•	•				•	
6	Provide vertical planting	•	•	•	•				•	
7	More flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants	•	•	•	•					•
8	Plant container gardens	•	•	•	•				•	•
9	Plant native trees and shrubs	•	•	•	•			•	•	
<b>Pollinators and other invertebrates</b>										
10	Bug hotels and nest boxes for solitary bees	•	•	•	•				•	
11	Leave or plant ivy as a food resource	•	•	•	•				•	
12	Create natural bee nesting sites	•	•		•			•		
13	Create log piles and a loggery	•	•		•			•		
<b>Birds and mammals</b>										
14	Bird nest boxes	•	•	•	•			•	•	
15	Reduced hedgerow cutting	•	•	•	N/A - cost saving			•		
16	Bat boxes	•	•	•	•			•		
17	Hedgehog houses and highways	•	•	•	•				•	
18	Retain areas of scrub	•	•		•			•	•	
<b>General biodiversity</b>										
19	Create pond habitat	•	•		•	•			•	
20	Reduce input of herbicides/pesticides	•	•	•	•					•
21	Green roofs and living walls	•	•	•			•		•	•
<b>Sustainability</b>										
22	Build/ install compost bins	•	•	•	•					•
23	Create vegetable plots	•	•		•					•
24	Install a water butt	•	•	•	•			•		
25	Create rain gardens	•	•	•	•	•		•		
26	Sustainable lighting	•	•	•	•	•		•		

\* Low density (1-100 homes and/or large areas of green space – greater than 1 ha (10 000 m<sup>2</sup>). Medium density (101-200 homes and/or small-medium areas of green space – between 100 m<sup>2</sup> and 1 ha (10 000 m<sup>2</sup>), where at least 100 m<sup>2</sup> is available as one continuous area). High density (> 200 homes and/or with very limited green space – less than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and in fragmented patches).