

Action for Insects



Insects are declining at an alarming rate

- Insects are **dying out up to 8 times faster than larger animals.**
- Globally, **41% of insect species face extinction.**
- **Habitat loss** and the widespread use of toxic **pesticides**, particularly insecticides, have been linked to the drastic decline in diversity and abundance of invertebrate populations.

Insects matter

Insects are the foundation of our eco-system, providing food for wildlife and helping plants to reproduce:

- Without insects many birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals and fish would die out as they would have nothing to eat.
- 87% of all plant species require animal pollination, most of it delivered by insects.
- 3 out of 4 of all the crops that we grow for our food require pollination by insects so they're vital for our food supplies.

Actions we can take

Support the Action for Insects campaign in its call to:

STOP killing insects by reducing the use of pesticides where we live, work and farm. Government must set compulsory and ambitious pesticide reduction targets in response to this crisis.

START to build a Nature Recovery Network by creating insect friendly habitats in our gardens, towns, cities and countryside. A new Environment Act is needed to secure more, bigger, better protected and better-connected wildlife rich places.

We can:

- Reduce or eliminate pesticide use in our homes, gardens, work places and communities.

- Create more/new insect friendly habitat; share what we are doing and encourage others to get on board.

Resources

[Click here to pledge that you will take action for insects.](#) You will receive two easy guides to help you go chemical free, and create safe and healthy homes for insects. If you opt in to receive emails, you will be kept updated with further news and actions.

You will also find the latest info via:

- Our website's news page: <https://www.swwfl.co.uk/news>
- Your local Wildlife Trust website (which will be using a locally-branded version of the report 'Insect declines and why they matter')

There are also lots of wildlife-friendly gardening tips available to help insects on The Wildlife Trusts website: www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions

You can also follow [#ActionforInsects](https://twitter.com/ActionforInsects) on Twitter for updates and info.

Action for Insects in the news:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/13/insect-apocalypse-poses-risk-to-all-life-on-earth-conservationists-warn>

