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### **WILDLIFE GARDEN**

Judges should expect to see examples of a sustained diversity of wildlife to include birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians through varied plantings and provision of refuges and nesting sites.

- Planting should include species which will provide natural foods sources.
- Judges will also assess the overall appearance and presentation of the entry.
- Range of Habitats created (in relation to garden size)
- Choice and variety of plants chosen to attract/benefit wildlife
- Artificial nesting provision or areas set aside for refuge
- Sustainability and biodiversity approaches to sustainable planting, peat reduction or composting along with water conservation methods, home composting.
- Overall knowledge of wildlife gardening principles and best practice

### **HANGING BASKETS**

- Judges should look at the most appropriate positioning of displays, approach to design, along with plant selection and structure.
- Judges should also consider health and vigour along with measures to reduce the need for watering and sustainable cultivation methods.
- Maintenance - Health and Vigour - absence of pest and disease
- Design suitability in relation to the basket.
- Range and diversity of species that may include interesting collections
- Impact - presentation, use of colour, texture or scent
- Seasonal potential plants used for long term display



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## **VEGETABLE GARDEN**

- Quality of crops - plants should be free from disease, pests and damage, a broad range of food crops and flowers should be in evidence with the available growing space taken into account.
- Condition of the plot - Unplanted areas where crops have been harvested or about to be planted should be free from weeds and the soil should be of a good well cultivated condition.
- Good workmanship - Soil between crops should be weed free, paths and other areas should be neatly edged and well maintained. Evidence of successional sowing will be given credit as so should good practise such as pinching out broad bean tips, protection from carrot fly. Intelligent use and sturdiness of plant supports where appropriate.
- Condition of sheds, greenhouses and other structures - Structures, including cold frames and cloches, should be neat, clean and well maintained. Use of plant supports / crop protection also attract credit.
- Environment friendly practises - good use of compost bins, rainwater collection where possible and any other environmental/animal friendly practices will be given credit.
- Originality of layout and planting - intelligent adaptation of the plot layout to suit the plot holder's needs, use of companion planting, overall visual effect, cultivation of less common plants and use of no-dig or deep bed methods will all be given credit where evident.