

The Urban Wildlife Gardener

How to attract birds, bees, butterflies and more

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“The Urban Wildlife Gardener is packed with planting ideas and simple gardening techniques to attract birds, bees, butterflies, bugs, and more to your outside space.”

Wildflower Seed Bombs

A great idea for Mother’s Day or any gift giving. Make a seed bomb that can be tossed onto any bare soil or grassy area. Through the natural action of rain and wind, the ball breaks down and the seeds germinate. Before long there will be a small patch of wildflowers.

1. Use air-drying modeling clay (available through art or craft stores) – this will help hold the seed bombs together and to break down easily, Put the clay in a bowl and break it up into small pieces.
2. Put a couple of handfuls of potting soil and add just a little water (enough to make it squish). Mix it all together.
3. Mix in two packets of seeds (a couple of teaspoons) = make sure they are evenly distributed through the soil. Seed packets can sometimes be available for free through the county agricultural extension center.
4. Make small balls about the size of a walnut and leave them on a tray to dry for a couple of days.
5. Wrap in tissue paper with a ribbon for a fun gift.

Seed bombs are best used in the spring so that the seeds will be able to germinate and grow.

Seed Bomb – Directions for use: Simply unwrap the seed bomb. Toss the bomb onto a grassy area or bare soil where both rain and sun can reach the ball. After a while the ball will break down and the seeds will sprout. Within a few weeks plants will appear and eventually bloom!