



October is all about the preparation.

Do you have a Bee Hotel? If so, this is your friendly reminder that it should be taken down put into an unheated shed or garage during autumn and winter to protect it from the weather. This prevents any damp or cold that can destroy larvae. You can find more information on the Bumblebee Conservation site [here](#).

As insects and other food sources start to become scarce birds and other wildlife will be becoming more reliant on our gardens. If you haven't already done so, cleaning and prepping your bird feeders is recommended. The British Trust for Ornithology give [guidance](#) on how and why hygiene of feeders is important.

If you're going to be putting food out for Hedgehogs please see this [page](#) from Hedgehog Street. Likewise, information about feeding Foxes can be found on this [page](#) from The Fox Project.

Early autumn is a great time to go owl spotting ('owling') as they tend to be on the move a bit more in search of declining food supplies. Tips on how to go owl watching can be found [here](#).

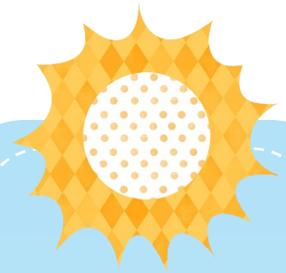
Wildlife to Look For

- There are five resident [owl species](#) in the UK—how many have you seen?
- Unfortunately for some of you it's still prime [Spider](#) season.
- [Redwings](#) are a winter visitor enjoying the feast of seasonal berries

Take action for Wildlife

Hedgehogs need homes just like humans, so making one for them is a great way to encourage them into your garden. Hedgehogs are becoming increasingly reliant on urban and suburban gardens. Urban populations of hedgehogs have increased by up to a third, while rural populations have halved. This decline is likely caused by the loss and degradation of our habitats due to pressures such as development, agricultural intensification and climate change.

Check out this [guide](#) on how to build a Hedgehog Home!



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In your gardens

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Hedgehogs
Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillars
Crane Flies
Spider Webs!
Foxes

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