



“A joined-up network of diverse and flower-rich habitats to support pollinators across Ireland” ...is the first objective of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

These workshops will be of interest to community groups and TidyTowns committees looking to enhance and promote biodiversity in their local area.

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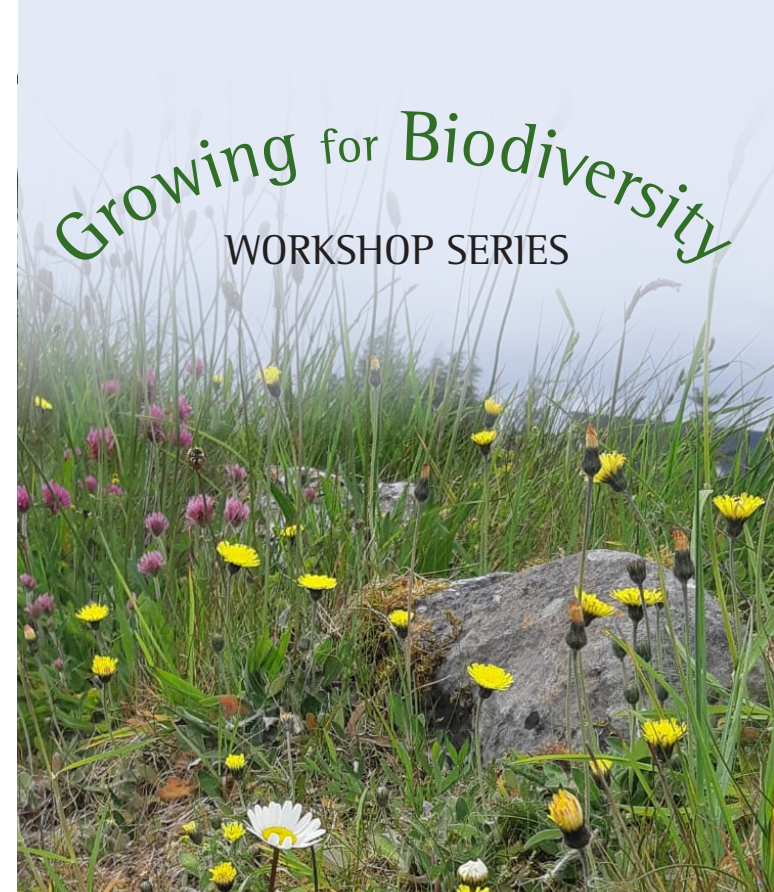
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Growing for Biodiversity

WORKSHOP SERIES



A series of workshops to provide TidyTowns committees and community groups with the propagation skills to enable them to build up their own stocks of plants to provide food for local wild pollinators and managed honeybees.



AUTUMN 2019

WORKSHOP NO. 1

Summer Propagation: Softwood and Greenwood Cuttings

Location: Ballinrobe

Date: Wednesday 4th September

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Summer cuttings and layers can be the quickest and most reliable way of building a stock of perennials or shrubs, and the costs are minimal. At our first workshop you will learn to select appropriate plant material for different techniques, and how to grow on your cuttings successfully. We will also take a look at the plant preferences of our different native pollinator groups.

WORKSHOP NO. 2

Wildflower Seed Collection and Saving

Location: Cong

Date: Saturday 7th September

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

In this workshop you will learn to identify native pollinator forage plants in the wild, and when and how to collect and store seed. We will discuss meadow planting techniques, rural and urban, with some examples of successes and failures in the western climate.

WORKSHOP NO. 3

Pollinator-friendly Planting in Challenging Spaces

Location: Kilmaine

Date: Saturday 21st September

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Our third workshop will look at creating long-lasting and colourful displays in cramped spaces, or with little soil. We will create a raised bed and review suitable plants for inclusion. Regarding maintenance, we will look at non-chemical methods for maintaining your flowering plants and for controlling weeds.

Each group should bring a planting trough or a very large pot to make their own display, from which they will be able to propagate later in the season.

WORKSHOP NO. 4

Hedgerows and Winter Propagation

Location: Ballinrobe

Date: Saturday 19th October

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Our final workshop of the season focuses on the role native hedgerows and cultivated hedges play for pollinators and wildlife, and appropriate winter propagation techniques. We will also look at the groups' action plans for the coming growing season.

Booking Information

Workshops are free but booking is required as places are limited.

Please complete the registration form below in order to book your place.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Name of Group: _____

Number attending: _____

Tick which workshop(s) you wish to attend:

No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4

How did you hear about the workshops?

Please tick the box if you would like to be added to our mailing list:

Return the completed Booking Form to:

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Mayo Co. Council

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Co. Mayo

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by email to: heritage@mayococo.ie