



## Making your garden Moth and Bat Friendly:

**Flowers** are vital for attracting bats' insect prey. Grow a wide range of plants to attract different types of insect:

- ✓ Plants with petals that form narrow tubes, such as honeysuckle, provide food for long-tongued insects like moths and butterflies.
- ✓ Open, daisy-like flowers with many florets provide nectar to short tongued insects including flies.
- ✓ Pale blue and white coloured flowers are easier to see in low light so will attract night flying insects.
- ✓ Don't forget the landing platform. Wide blooms, like those in the carrot family, allow many insects to gather together at once.

Planting **night-scented flowers** will help attract night-flying insects, which offer food to hungry bats. Some of the plants you might like to include are:

- Cherry pie (*Heliotropium arborescens*)
- Evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*)
- Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*)
- Night-scented catchfly (*Silene noctiflora*)
- Night-scented stock (*Matthiola bicornis*)
- Nottingham catchfly (*Silene nutans*)
- Soapwort (*Sapnoria officinalis*)
- Sweet rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
- Tobacco plant (*Nicotiana alata*)
- White jasmine (*Jasminum officinale*).
- Hebe 'Great Orme'
- Night Phlox
- Star Jasmine.

### **Food Plants for Moth Caterpillars:**

- Hawthorn
- Currant
- English Oka
- Hazel
- Holly
- Hop
- Ivy
- Nettle
- White Willow
- Heather
- Fushia
- Miss Wilmott's ghost

**More information:** <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/gardening-for-bats>