

Garden Inspiration

Create a bee & butterfly garden

It's wonderful to watch butterflies fluttering around the garden and great for kids to understand the lifecycle of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly. Butterflies love visiting flowers that are rich in sugary nectar and are particularly fond of brightly coloured flowers. Bees are other important garden visitors, that help pollinate many types of vegies and fruit that we love to eat.

Lots of bee and butterfly attracting plants can be grown in a sunny garden and also in pots, and kids can observe their behaviour as part of STEM based activities. Here's what you could do to start a bee & butterfly garden:

- Choose a spot in a garden that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine a day.
- Mix some Yates® Dynamic Lifter® Soil Improver & Plant Fertiliser into the soil.
- Plant a range of bee and butterfly attracting plants that are suitable for your area, including butterfly bush (Buddleja), lavender, daisies and Australian native plants such as bottlebrush and grevillea. You can also sow packets of 'Yates® Butterfly Field Beneficial Insect Mix' and 'Yates® Bee Pasture Pollen & Nectar Mix' seed to attract lots of bees and butterflies.
- Yates® Thrive® Flower & Fruit Soluble Fertiliser and a watering can.