

Scavenger hunt

for recycled and foraged materials to make a bug hotel.

How many of the following can you find on your next walk through the park? Cross them off as you find them.



Old bark

Dead wood is attractive to beetles, woodlice, centipedes and spiders. Woodlice are decomposers.



Hollow sticks

Hollow sticks and tubes are attractive to solitary bees which can be good pollinators.



Sticks

Sticks are attractive to ladybirds and other beetles. Ladybirds eat aphids, a common plant pest.



Leaf needles

Bundles of these will attract beetles and hoverflies. Hoverflies are great pollinators.



Pine cones

Attractive to ladybirds and lacewings who enjoy the gaps created by the pinecone scales.



Corrugated card

Attractive to lacewings. Their larvae eat aphids, scale insects, mites and some caterpillars.



Dead leaves

Dead leaves mimic the forest floor and are good for hibernating insects like ladybirds. They are also attractive to detritivores like woodlice.



Old seed pods

Help create nooks and crannies for insects that prefer darker habitats. May also provide a food source.



Moss

A good insulator for hibernating insects and good for wedging into gaps to ensure the material in your bug hotel is secure.