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BOOK REVIEW - **RHS Wildlife Garden** by Martyn Cox

With the start of summer and the hope of warm and sunny weather on the way, with any luck it will soon be possible to spend more time out in the garden, and here is a book that provides endless ideas for activities with children. The Royal Horticultural Society Wildlife Garden is written by Martyn Cox who grew up in Southwell, studied gardening at Brackenhurst College and is a journalist and author. His own childhood enthusiasm prompted him to write this book and to try and make wildlife conservation as easy to approach and as much fun as possible – he has certainly succeeded.

Every page offers a different project – planting, pond life, keeping a nature diary, making a ladybird sanctuary or a bee hotel to name but a few. All are fully illustrated with photographs, drawings and clearly set out information and instructions so that nothing seems too daunting. Everything has been tried and tested and a series of symbols make it easy to see what will be required and if an adult will need to be on hand for help. The size of garden you have doesn't matter – even if you only have a hedge or a window box there are things to make and do – from bird watching

and growing sunflowers in old yogurt pots to constructing a moth catcher from an old cardboard box or a bird feeder out of a juice carton.

Children from the age of 5 up will surely love this book and the challenge of discovering all that there is just beyond their own back door. With the school holidays ahead it offers plenty of ideas for outside activities at very little expense and it might even get your children wanting to help with weeding, watering and mowing the lawn!

Available from Woodlanders, 14 King Street, Southwell, telephone 01636 815172, price £9.99

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