

## Wild Skills

This hands-on program gives opportunities for practical experience and skills alongside environmental learning to engage students in ecological land management and wildlife gardening tasks as well as improving their confidence and wellbeing.

### **Aims and objectives**

- To increase skills and understanding in organic food growing, wildlife conservation and ecological land management.
- To enable students to use tools and techniques effectively and competently.
- To engage students to take a lead in practical tasks and understand why these activities are beneficial for nature and us.
- To increase transferable skills such as team working and communications.
- To improve wellbeing and understanding around nature and mindfulness.
- Gain up to 6 AQA accreditations over the course and on completion an Avon Wildlife Trust Certificate.

This program can run as 6 day sessions, 12 half day sessions, or as separate sessions depending on your learners' needs.

	Session	Aim and overview	AQA accreditations options
1	Habitat Comparison	To compare different habitats and record biotic and abiotic factors.	112011 CREATING A WILDLIFE HABITAT
2	Soil	To understand the importance of soil within an ecosystem.	105805 SOIL AND COMPOST
3	Wildlife Gardening	To understand what wildlife needs in a garden ecosystems.	105199 WILDLIFE GARDENING LE4543 WILDLIFE GARDENING
4	Seeds and growing	To understand the needs of plants and seeds.	106918 PLANT PROPAGATION: SEED SOWING 108292 POTTING ON SEEDLINGS 72003 /108064 INTRODUCTION TO HORTICULTURE
5	Field Ecology	Introduction to ecology and field identification of different taxonomic groups/species.	LE4546 IDENTIFICATION OF WILDLIFE SPECIES 110554 ECOLOGY: CONSERVATION OF A POND HABITAT AND ITS LIVING ORGANISMS
6	Well-being in Nature	To introduce well-being in Nature and mindful activities to use in your daily lives.	91256 MAKING A BIRD FEEDER 105194 EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
7	Learning over the course	To gain employability skills and confidence.	70875 USE OF GARDEN TOOLS 111601/ 110109 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS: TEAMWORKING