

### Introduction

Canals and rivers are often referred to as 'Corridors for Nature'. They are home to hundreds of species of plants and animals.

The areas around our canals and rivers provide six very different habitats. You can read all about these on the 'Canal & River Habitat Cards'.

We'd like you to think about how you could re-design an area of your garden or an outside space to create a Corridor for Nature at your home. Your designs should be inspired by one or more of the canal and river habitats.



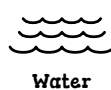
### What to do

- Use this sheet to survey your garden or outside space. Use the habitat cards to compare your space with the six canal and river habitats

<b>1</b>	Does the your garden contain hedges or trees? If so, how many?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>2</b>	Does your garden contain any grassy areas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	Is your garden overgrown?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4</b>	Does your garden contain any water?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5</b>	Does your garden contain any buildings?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6</b>	Does your garden contain any large areas of mud?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

- Draw an aerial map of the whole outside space, or an area you have chosen.

Use this key to mark on grass, trees, fences etc.



Add extra items to the key if needed.

- Measure the area and write these measurements on your diagram.

4. Study your map to see how you could make the area more appealing for wildlife. Think about which habitats you could create by planting and adding things to the area.
5. Draw a plan or a picture of your new design – how could you turn your area into the best possible Corridor for Nature?

Here's an example of a wildlife garden plan to inspire your own.

