

Assessment Biodiversity

Check: How biodiverse is your garden?

Introduction

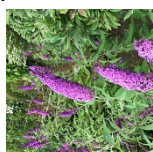
Have you ever wondered what biodiversity actually is? A lot of people don't know what it means. We'll explain it briefly. Just like humans, every animal needs food. This also applies to insects. Most insects get their food from plants. However, they do not all use the same plants for this. It is very important that there are many different kinds of plants, so that many different kinds of insects can use them. Biodiversity therefore means many different kinds of plants in one place.

10 Questions to Assess Your Garden

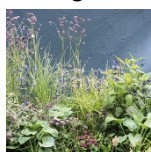
What types of plants are there in the garden?



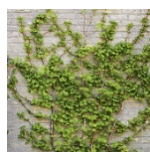
Tree



Shrub



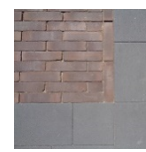
Plant



Climbing plant



Potted plant



None

2. How much of the garden is covered with artificial grass, paving stones or (patio) tiles?

10% - 20%

30% - 50%

60% - 100%

3. Is there water in the garden, e.g. a pond or a bird bath?

Yes

No

4. Is there a compost heap in the garden?

Yes

No

5. What happens to the weeds in the garden?

Will all be removed

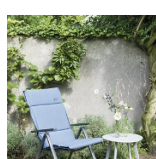
Will be partly removed

Will not be removed

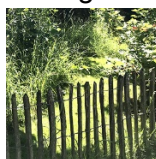
6. What type of garden fence is there around the garden?



Fence



Wall



Fence



None

7. How many flowering plants are there in the garden?

Many

A few

None

8. Are there any plants with berries or fruit in the garden?

Yes

No

9. What happens to leaves and cutting material - e.g. branches - left in the garden?

Clean up and dispose of

On a compost heap

Leave as is

10. How often is the ground weeded or turned?

Often Occasionally Never

Score questions (A)

Question	Correct answers	Weight	Max Score	Score achieved
1..	More than one answer may be given. All answers are correct, except the last answer.	2 points per answer. Last answer gets no points.	10	
2.	First two answers get points: 10 to 20%, or 30 to 50%	10 to 20% = 8 points 30 to 50% = 2 points	10	
3.	Yes	Yes = 10 points	10	
4.	Yes	Yes = 10 points	10	
5.	Totally gone Partially gone	Totally gone = 6 point Partially gone = 4 points	10	
6.	All answers are correct.	2 points per answer.	10	
7.	Answer: a lot Answer: a few.	A lot: 8 points A few: 2 points None: 0 points	10	
8.	Antwoord: ja	Ja; 10 punten Nee; 0 punten	10	
9.	Answer: leaving it. Answer: On compost heap	Leaving it = 6 points On compost heap = 4 points	10	
10	Answer: never Answer: occasionally	Never = 8 points Occasionally = 2 points	10	
Total score A			Max. 100	

Additional measures (B)	Max score	Score achieved
Wood piles	7	
Rain barrel	5	
Nesting boxes	6	
Wall of house or garden shed with plants	5	
Bird feeder(s)	5	
Potted plans	5	
Planted garden fence	7	
Total score B	Max. 40	

Scores	Total score A	
	Total score B	
	Final score	

Rating score:

- Between 100 and 140 = excellent
- Between 60 and 100 = good
- Between 40 and 60 = moderate
- Between 0 and 40 = insufficient

E-mail address of garden owner:

.....

Tip: Use this score as baseline assessment to see how and what to adjust to improve the biodiversity of your garden.