



Dobbies teams up with the RSPB for latest podcast episode ***Conservation charity shares top tips on how to protect local garden wildlife***

Dobbies Garden Centres has teamed up with the UK's largest nature conservation charity, the RSPB, to release its latest podcast episode. The podcast is available to listen to now and takes a look at how we can all protect and care for our local garden wildlife.

In the latest episode, podcast host and gardening writer Louise Midgley is joined by RSPB Conservation Officer, Ally Lemon, with the pair discussing how we can all make small changes to protect our garden wildlife. As well as practical advice on caring for our birds, insects and pollinators, the episode also has some handy tips on how to make a welcoming habitat for local species.

Marcus Eyles, Horticultural Director at Dobbies, said: "With spring just around the corner a lot of us will be preparing our gardens for the warmer months, and we can all do our bit to make our outdoor spaces more wildlife friendly. Helping nature starts at home, and no matter how big or small your garden, we can all create a suitable home for garden wildlife."

The RSPB is inspiring everyone to give nature a home, and with just a little planning we can all provide safe havens for local wildlife to feed, breed and hibernate in our gardens. Following the charity's Big Garden Birdwatch initiative in January, this year the RSPB are looking to inspire more and more people to garden for nature on their doorstep and engage in more wildlife-friendly practices in their garden, balconies and local communities

Ally Lemon, Conservation Officer at the RSPB, said: "No matter the size or type of outdoor space you have, whether it is a rural garden or a city balcony, everyone can help wildlife in their local area. There are loads of things people can do to invite wildlife into their outdoor spaces, from planting some wildflowers in flowerpots, putting up some bird boxes or creating a pond. Small steps can give nature a helping hand."

So far, Dobbies' podcast series has covered a host of topics, with everything from seasonal spring gardening tips and practical advice for beginners, to growing your own produce and caring for houseplants.

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Henry Bell Elegance Nesting Box, £14.99.**

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<https://www.dobbies.com/content/podcast.html>

To learn more about the RSPB and its work, visit [rspb.org.uk](https://www.rspb.org.uk)

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About Dobbies

- It all started in 1865 with James Dobbie who created a business selling seeds. He named it Dobbie & Co. The company went on to build up a customer base and started opening garden centres that fast became a go-to destination.
- A new turning point in the business came in 2019 with the acquisition of 37 stores, more than doubling our national footprint. We are UK's leading garden centre retailer with 70 centres nationwide.
- Our smallest store is little dobbies Clifton and the largest is Morpeth at 18,973sqm.
- Dobbies is not your average garden centre; we exist to enrich people's lives and nurture connections between people, the community and the environment.
- Dobbies offer carefully considered ranges in-store and online, high quality services, great restaurants and cafes as well as engaging experiences.
- Dobbies is proud to be part of the #TerraCarta from HRH Prince of Wales' Sustainable Markets Initiative.