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NEWSLETTER

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Hanyuan county in China now relies on workers to pollinate the pear fruit trees artificially due to heavy pesticide use in the past. Bee populations responded with drastic reduction threatening the fruit crop. (Original Article: Huffpost.com published July 2016 by C. Williams)

Not just in China but worldwide including Marlborough bees and other insects are dying due to agrichemical use and loss of habitat.

Hand pollination of fruit trees could likely be the norm in our lifetime if we don't change the way we deal with mother nature and her creatures.

Also pasture plants such as clover, which are required for meat production require pollinators. So what can you do?

- 1) Don't leave it to others.
- 2) Restrain yourself from pesticide use especially when bees are active. Ask yourself and others: Do you really need pesticides or is there an other way? A lot of people have found another way.
- 3) Create insect friendly habitats in the world of manicured lawns. Any area large or small is fine. Why mow or spray fence lines, driveways multiple times per year? Wouldn't it be great to ride down the roads of Marlborough on a sunny day listening to the humming sounds of pollinators going about their business, knowing you are taking part in supporting nature.

Join the wildflower fence line project this year by sowing wildflower seeds in spring.

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Out in the garden



Did you manage to take a break last month? With temperatures slowly rising it's time to reconnect with nature and get your hands dirty again in the garden. Jobs are plentiful and can be more fun if carried out together with someone you like. A toast to gardening: What a wonderful form of mind and body therapy.

- * Clean out green house and propagation facilities
- * Prepare the garden for spring planting, chop up and dig in cover crops, add plenty of compost
- * Weed as necessary
- * Sow seeds in trays ready for transplanting later
- * Sow parsnip, turnip, Swedes, peas and broad beans
- * Start sprouting seed potatoes ready for sowing
- * Protect seedlings from slugs and snails.
- * Fertilise fruit trees, Rhododendron, Camelia, Azaleas and Roses
- * Finish pruning including roses
- * Rake up the last of the winter leaves and start a new compost pile

Broad beans, garlic, yams and large variety of seed potatoes for planting in store.



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