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PLANTING CALENDAR - Plant Choices

AREA OF THE GARDEN:

Plant Name	TYPE	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	NOTES

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1 = evergreen foliage	5 = year-round good looks	9 = texture	12 = spiky
2 = deciduous winter skeleton	6 = messy after flowering	Form:	13 = lacy/ delicate
3 = silver/ grey foliage	7 = winter interest - like seed heads	10 = rounded shape	14 = bold
4 = change of season foliage	8 = fruits & berries	11 = strap-like	15 = grass-like

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PLANTING CALENDAR - Providing For Wildlife

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Attracting Birds
1 = fruit/ berries
2 = Pollen and nectar
3 = seeds – grass or other
4 = insects as food

Attracting Insects
5 = flowers – adult butterflies
6 = butterfly host plant - caterpillars
7 = pollen & nectar
8 = nest-building materials – leaves, fuzz on
     leaves, soft seed heads, etc.

Other
 9 = nesting sites
10 = protective cover
11 = foraging sites – dead seasonal wood
12 = butterfly host plant

HOW TO USE YOUR PLANTING CALENDARS

The idea of a calendar like this is to get a quick overview of what your garden provides, and when. So, when are the flowers on show, what colour mix do they offer, what height and shape? You'll see at a glance which months are blank or threadbare and in need of boosting. Do you need height, small fillers, or a prostate groundcover?

For the same area, look at the 'Providing for Wildlife' sheet: when choosing more colour for a section, do you need it to provide berries or grass seeds? Should it be a butterfly host plant or a nectar plant for adult butterflies?

Overall, is the wildlife larder full year round? What months need stocking up? Are there fruits, seeds, pollen and nectar available? What about host plants to feed the caterpillars that are to become the flying flowers we love so much?

Print and fill in manually in the garden, or complete on-screen and print the completed sheet.

- Use a separate sheet or two per area of the garden, depending on the diversity of plants you have.
- Use the plant name you're most familiar with, so common name rather than botanical name if this suits you best. There are enough lines to fit 15 plants per page.
- Add plant type to get an idea of what makes up the bulk of this areas design; use a symbol, so T = tree; Ss = shrub small; Sm = shrub medium, GC = groundcover, etc.
- Then use colour crayon, / Koki and draw a line across the months in which it flowers – use a colour relating to flower colour.
- **PLANT CHOICES:** Use the **NOTE key** to add extra information about each plant from leaf colour to texture, shape, and whether it looks good year-round.
- **PROVIDING FOR WILDLIFE:** on this sheet, the notes refer to what each plant provides by way of food, nesting or foraging sites. Plants with ground-level foliage provide cover into which animals can hide from predators.

A quick-printing calendar that is practical and useable!