



Welcome to your Meadow-in-a-Box!



Inside your box you will find everything you need to prepare, sow and grow your own wildflower meadow. In a few months your box will be full of nectar-rich plants that will help feed your local pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hoverflies.

You can sow your wildflower seeds in Spring or early Autumn, having placed your box in a sunny site. Finely rake the surface of the soil then sprinkle the seeds provided onto it. Gently firm down the soil and give the seeds a good watering.

Make sure that you water the plants whenever the weather is hot and sunny. If you push your finger into the soil and it comes out with nothing stuck to it, then you should water your meadow.

It shouldn't take long for your seeds to grow into a beautiful meadow of wildflowers that bumblebees, hoverflies and butterflies will love. Your meadow might grow:

Black knapweed



Devil's-bit scabious



Ox-eye daisy



Red Campion



Red clover



Selfheal



Yarrow



All these wildflowers are great for pollinators and look beautiful. When the flowers have finished you can remove the dead flowers and stalks, keeping only the living green leaves in your box. Keep watering in hot and sunny weather and wait for the flowers to grow next year.

If you have any questions about how to look after your Meadow-in-a-Box, please contact me on

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Thanks,

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