Shropshire Wildlife Trust Offering Water and Food

Water

Hedgehogs benefit from a muchneeded water supply all-year round. This includes both the hot and freezing cold seasons! Our garden wildlife depends more and more on us providing water sources as conditions become more unpredictable each year.

For hedgehogs, provide:

• A couple of shallow dishes of water around the garden.

These are the perfect height for hedgehogs, and should be refilled when needed, regularly cleaned to stop algae growth, and any ice smashed/re-filled in Winter months!

Supplementary Food

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The hedgehog's natural diet mainly consists of ground beetles, caterpillars, worms and slugs. However, during cold or dry periods, these creepy-crawlies become much scarcer in gardens, so hedgehogs will benefit hugely from supplementary feeding at these times. It's important to remember to continue feeding (even if less regularly) through Winter periods, as hedgehogs do sometimes wake up and bumble about for a quick snack! Place in a shallow dish and put in a sheltered area of your garden around sunset.

The best food for hedgehogs is:

- Poultry flavour wet meaty cat or dog food. As well as poultry cat biscuits. Try a mix!
- Some Specially made hedgehog foods both in dry and moist kibble varieties such as Spikes, and Brambles Hedgehog Food.

