

## Seed a Pavement

Seeding paving gaps with wildflowers is a great way to brighten a street and help nature. And removing loose mortar between a garden wall and a pavement can help a richness of pollinator-friendly plants to grow. It's quick and easy to do and doesn't need to cost anything.

Time: collect 1 hr; sow 1 hr.

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## What to do

- ① Pavements are good for native plants which tolerate drought and colonise bare earth.
- ② They provide great habitats for naturalised wildflowers from harsh, rocky places.
- ③ Paving cracks let seeds take root and find moisture and nutrients in sand and mortar.
- ④ Watch wild plants come, enjoy the dash of colour they bring and marvel at their tenacity.
- ⑤ Clear gaps in paving for plants to grow - in places where they won't get trodden on.
- ⑥ Collect seeds to sow from street plants near you - they are free and more likely to survive.
- ⑦ Sow from our list of pollinator-friendly street plants - all growing on Kings Park pavements.

## What you need

- ☼ Seeds or young plants (see below)
- ☼ Small trowel/filling knife to get in cracks
- ☼ Sand or soil to fill cracks (optional)
- ☼ Watering can and water

## How to plant

- ① Remove shrubby or woody plants
- ② Remove debris and old mortar from cracks
- ③ Refill with sand or soil to just below surface
- ④ Sow seeds or squeeze young plants in
- ⑤ Water until plants establish



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## Best plants for pollinators

**Cultivated plants:** Mexican daisy, German chamomile, Serbian bellflower, marigold, campanula, lobelia, thyme, fennel, feverfew, selfheal.

**Wildflower plants:** Willowherb, hawkweed, dandelion, white clover, autumn hawkbit, smooth sow thistle, creeping thistle, smooth hawksbeard, buddleia, ragwort, common poppy, mallow, herb robert, wood avens, nipplewort.