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# DEAD WOOD PILE FOR BEETLES



Piles of dead, damp rotten wood are a beetles' idea of heaven! Plus, lots of other insects and spiders will use it as a place to shelter and feed

Dead wood is not a common sight in the countryside anymore because it gets cleared away to make woodlands look tidy. This means the beetles and other insects lose their homes.

## HOW TO MAKE IT

- Use a mixture of wood and different sized logs with the bark on, such as Beech, Oak, Ash and Elm. Any size will be of benefit but the bigger the better!
- Adding a pile of leaf litter can attract even more creatures, such as hibernating toads or hedgehogs.
- Let the wood rot naturally in a damp, shady corner to create perfect conditions for beetles
- You will need to add new logs as the old ones decay over the years.
- Make sure you keep it in a shady spot where it can stay dark and cool.



Ground beetle *Dromis quadrimaculatus*



Greater stag beetle *Lucanuscervus*