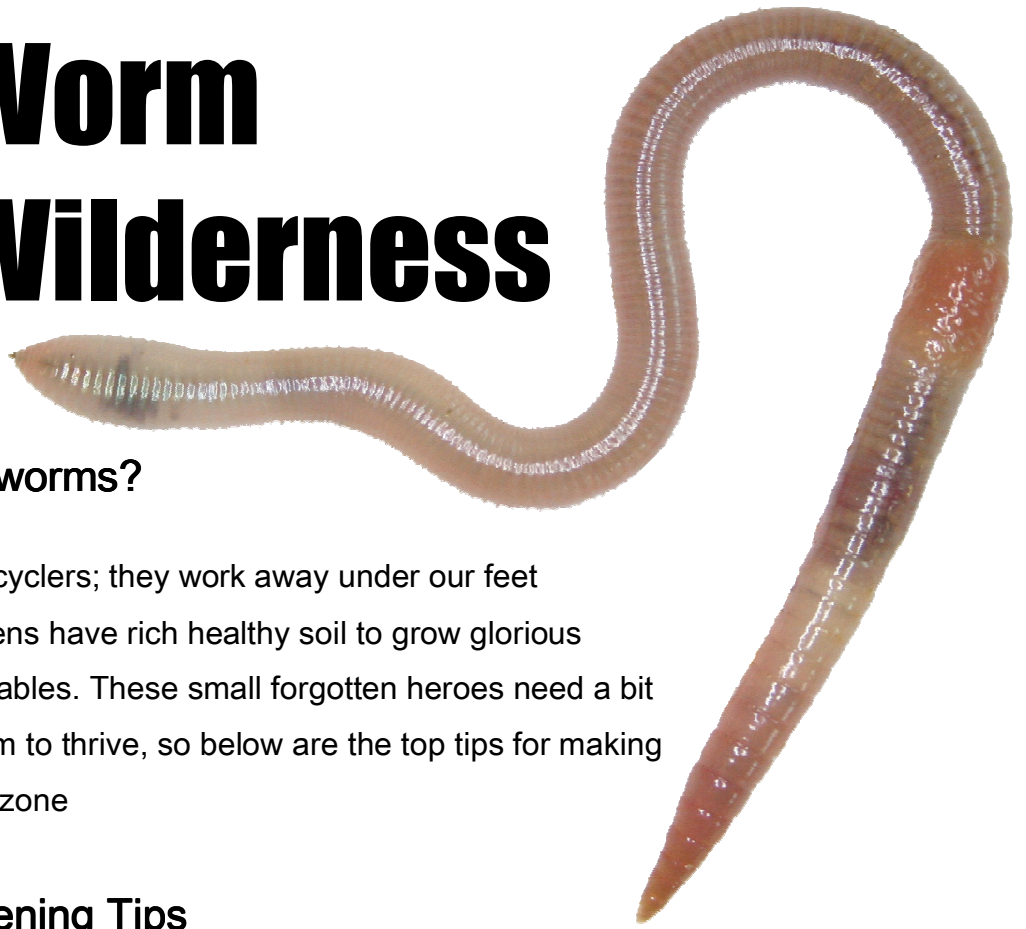




CREATE A

Worm Wilderness



Why garden for earthworms?

They are the hardworking recyclers; they work away under our feet everyday ensuring that gardens have rich healthy soil to grow glorious flowers and large juicy vegetables. These small forgotten heroes need a bit of love and care to allow them to thrive, so below are the top tips for making your garden a worm-friendly zone

Earthworm Top Gardening Tips



- Make a mess! Worms love a messy garden with lots of dead leaves and wood, so don't tidy it too much let your worms recycle it. Dead plant material is an important food source for earthworms
- Having a diverse range of native plant species in your garden. This will encourage a range of different earthworms and nematodes which will create a healthier more diverse soil
- Avoid using pesticides as earthworms are soft bodied animals and are vulnerable to toxic chemicals, heavy use will quickly reduce their numbers.
- Avoid compacting your soil with heavy machine, compaction makes soil dense and less accessible to earthworms.
- Avoid using acidic fertilisers most earthworm species prefer alkaline conditions.
- Have a compost heap and/or a wormery, an efficient and environmentally friendly way of the disposing of kitchen and garden waste.
- Have damp and marshy areas wet conditions are favoured by earthworms this will help maintain numbers even in dry conditions.