

# SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

## HEALTHY GARDENS FOR PEOPLE, PLANTS AND WILDLIFE

24 October 2019, Huxley Lecture Theatre, ZSL London Zoo

Joint event between ZSL's Garden Wildlife Health project and the Wildlife Gardening Forum

### 09:30 REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTIONS

10:00 Welcome address by Ken Norris, Zoological Society of London

10:10 The importance of gardens for biodiversity and people  
*Steve Head, Wildlife Gardening Forum*

### SESSION 1: PEOPLE

*Chair: Andrew Salisbury FRES, Royal Horticultural Society and Chair of the Trustees Wildlife Gardening Forum*

10:30 Benefits of nature engagement and gardening to human health and wellbeing  
*Becca Lovell, Exeter University Medical School*

10:50 The scientific and societal benefits of citizen science – does watching wildlife make a difference?  
*Debbie Lee, British Trust for Ornithology*

11:10 Risks of garden wildlife disease to public and domestic animal health in Great Britain  
*Becki Lawson, Zoological Society of London*

11:30 **BREAK**

### SESSION 2: VERTEBRATE WILDLIFE

*Chair: Katharina Seilern-Moy, Zoological Society of London*

11:50 Non-native species and pathogen introductions: risky times for garden amphibians  
*Jim Foster, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust*

12:10 Health hazards to wild birds associated with supplementary feeding  
*Kate Risely, British Trust for Ornithology*

12:30 Current evidence for the impact of domestic cat predation on wild birds and herpetofauna in Great Britain  
*Sarah Binnie, Essex Wildlife Trust & Laurence Jarvis, Froglife*

12:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION Q & A with speakers from Sessions 1 & 2**

13:10 LUNCH IN PRINCE ALBERT SUITE & OPTIONAL VISIT TO ZSL WILDLIFE GARDEN

### SESSION 3: PLANTS & INVERTEBRATES

*Chair: Becki Lawson, Zoological Society of London*

14:20 Stemming the tide: the Royal Horticultural Society's approach to plant health  
*Andrew Salisbury FRES, Royal Horticultural Society and Chair of the Trustees Wildlife Gardening Forum*

14:40 Risks of plant poisoning to animal and human health  
*Nick Edwards, Veterinary Poisons Information Service*

15:00 Conserving pollinators through gardening  
*Nicholas Tew, University of Bristol*

15:20 **BREAK**

### SESSION 4: GARDEN MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTH

*Chair: Steve Head, Wildlife Gardening Forum*

15:40 What should we plant for a thriving garden? The thorny question of natives or non-natives  
*Helen Bostock, Royal Horticultural Society*

16:00 Just Add Water – the benefits of garden ponds for wildlife and wellbeing  
*Jenny Tse-Leon, Froglife*

16:20 Healthy gardens – inspiring the masses  
*Adrian Thomas, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Wildlife Gardening Forum*

16:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION Q & A with speakers from Sessions 3 & 4**

17:00 **SUMMARY & CLOSING COMMENTS**

17:05 **DRINKS RECEPTION**

18:30 **END OF SYMPOSIUM**