

## How you can help

When mowing, deliberately leave small areas unmown (even over the winter!). These “islands” serve as retreats and preserve diversity.

### Give nature some space

- Mow less often, leaving at least 8 cm of grass
- Use regional seeds
- Make your garden natural
- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides
- Incorporate green facades and roofs
- Provide nesting boxes. Birds, insects, and bats will thank you!

→ *More information: [www.artenschutz-am-haus.de](http://www.artenschutz-am-haus.de) (suggestions for species protection at your home)*

### Do you wish to see more diverse meadows?

- Request more native plant species on public green spaces
- Support the establishment of long grass areas in towns and cities

### Contact and further information

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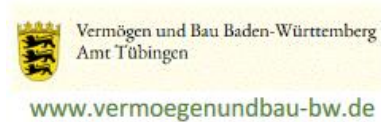
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*...for more biodiversity  
in public green areas*



## The "Colorful Meadow Tübingen"

... is part of the nationwide "Initiative Bunte Wiese" (Colorful Meadow). We are committed to promoting biodiversity in public green areas. The Initiative was founded in the year of biodiversity 2010 by students and employees of the University of Tübingen, who are committed to a sustainable and extensive maintenance concept for public parks and green areas in the city of Tübingen.

Together with the city administration and the Baden-Württemberg Office for Property and Building, the Initiative assesses and adjusts any measures to be carried out on a regular basis in terms of species friendliness and practicability. Over time, we have developed concepts that show how even small areas can be transformed into species-rich "colorful meadows", often through simple measures.

*By the way, partner initiatives can be found in the cities of Berlin, Landau, Potsdam, Quakenbrück, Stuttgart, and Würzburg!*



"Colorful Meadow" at the Planetenweg in Tübingen

→  
Young explorers at the "Children's University Researchers' Day"

## Goals and Actions



If you look closely, you'll notice: **life is everywhere!**

Italian striped bug on yarrow

In recent years, the number of plant and animal species in Germany has decreased significantly. Many species are endangered, mainly because of the disappearance of their habitats. We want to do something about it!

Attractive habitats need to be created not only in designated nature reserves, but also in areas that are more heavily used by people. Here, urban areas come into focus as alternative habitats because biodiversity can also be promoted in and around cities.

If little-used areas are mowed less often, many plants, insects, and birds can settle there again. A wildflower meadow with butterflies and numerous buzzing wild bees is also more attractive and interesting for us humans than a monotonous lawn.



Last, but not least, the "Colorful Meadows" enable children to experience and discover the variety of nature with all their senses.

## What we wish to achieve

- Joint promotion of biodiversity in the urban area of Tübingen
- Optimization of nature conservation and accompaniment of the maintenance of public green spaces
- Creation and introduction of an extensive mowing concept for public green spaces
- Encouragement of other public institutions, companies, and individuals to carry out similar projects

### ...and what we are doing about it

- Introducing an extensive mowing concept (mowing once or twice a year) currently on 47 model meadows (15 ha) in the city of Tübingen
- Informing our fellow citizens
- Making a scientific inventory of the flora and fauna in public green areas

**Thanks!** → *Multiple awards are available, including being designated as an official project of the UN Decade of Biological Diversity and receiving the Baden-Württemberg State Nature Conservation Prize.*

Meadow sage on "Colorful Meadow", Hummelberg Kusterdingen

