



Wildlife Gardening Forum Conference: Meadows Special

Thurs 22nd June 2017

Grove Auditorium

Magdalen College, Oxford, OX1 4AU

Programme

10.00 **Registration and coffee**

10.25 Welcome and introduction from Steve Head

What are meadows? What are they not? Touching on perennial meadows (incl. water meadows), cornfield annuals, prairie style 'meadows' and other terms.

10.45 Jenny Steel, Ecologist and Wildlife Gardening Writer

Options for gardeners depending on resources and maintenance; from flowering lawns and mini-meadows to full sized meadows. What wildlife can you expect to attract?

11.30 **Coffee**

11.50 Stuart Ball, John Chambers Seeds

Wildflower seed mix choices, esp. mixes to attract wildlife. Cover specific flower species and suitability for different soils/sites. Site prep and maintenance.

12.15 James Hewetson-Brown, Wildflower Turf Ltd

Alternatives to conventional establishment techniques, incl. wildflower turf and wildflower earth.

12.40 'Troubleshooting' panel session from all speakers.

Opportunity to chat with speakers and purchase books, seeds, etc in Auditorium Foyer.

13.00 **Lunch** (not provided: map available for picnic and eating opportunities in Oxford)

14.30 **Group A – Meet Helen Bostock at entrance to Oxford Botanic Gardens**

14.45 **Group B – Meet Marc Carlton at entrance to Oxford Botanic Gardens**

15.00 **Group C – Meet Adrian Thomas at entrance to Oxford Botanic Gardens**

14.30 A talk will be given to each group by Steve Head on the prairie-style Merton Borders. Delegates then free to look around the Botanic Gardens.

15.30 Close