

# Did you know?

All local and public authorities now have a duty to conserve biodiversity as part of their everyday activities and procedures.

Section 40, Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, Oct 2006

To conserve biodiversity is not just to protect, but to also actively seek opportunities to restore and enhance wildlife.



Cotton Grass © NBP Photographer John Williamson



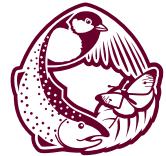
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## **Some ways in which you can fulfil the requirements of the biodiversity duty**

- Use native species of local provenance in landscaping
- Reduce grass cutting to increase wildflower habitats
- Increase nesting and roosting opportunities by introducing suitable boxes
- Engage local communities in wildlife conservation
- Encourage all staff to think about biodiversity so that it is considered across all duties and functions
- Record species sightings
- Include biodiversity action in development proposals as part of the planning process
- Raise public awareness of wildlife conservation
- Deliver specific targets in Northumberland's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)
- Monitor sites to demonstrate the positive impact of conservation measures
- Use peat free products
- Reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- Source materials locally
- Use sustainably made products
- Reduce car use
- Increase energy efficiency
- Reduce water use
- Avoid the use of chemicals for weed and insect control
- Work in partnership to link biodiversity to other agendas such as health and education

*Visit the information section of the Northumberland Biodiversity Partnership website to find out more*

**[www.northumberlandbiodiversity.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandbiodiversity.org.uk)**



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