



This booklet presents a selection of plants to maintain your garden, and to stimulate and care for your plants.

You can grow these plants in your garden or you can use the leaves and stems of plants that grow near you and that many consider to be weeds.



## Some tips

Use BioMix
 to easily make your plant fertiliser or solution.

Always use gloves to pick and prepare the plants – nettles can sting and comfrey has rough hairs that can irritate your hands.



#### Recipe:



- Use freshly picked plants.
- Stir thoroughly every day or 2 days.
- Maceration is complete when there are no longer any bubbles rising to the surface.
- The maceration time indicated is approximate.
- Use water that is neither hard nor chlorinated -rainwater is ideal.
   If you only have tap water available, leave it standing for at least two days and acidify it with a teaspoonful of spirit vinegar per litre of water.



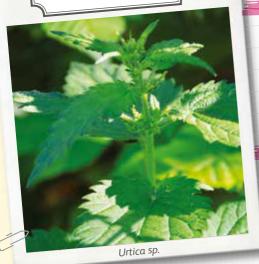
- Store your filtered plant fertiliser in a non-metallic opaque container (plastic or glass), it can be stored for up to 6 months.
- Follow the recommended dosage.



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They should be for preventive purposes and do not replace approved treatments.

# Nettle



#### Но

Growing up to 1m high, with oval toothed leaves and drooping flowers nettles are great wildlife attractors and will home the caterpillars of butterfiles and other pollinators whilst the birds love their seeds.

Beware - Nettle leaves are covered in small hairs which sting!

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Growing in semi-shade, its young leaves appear in spring and leave with the frosts.

Harvest unseeded nettle, leaving some of the patch for wildlife.
Cut them regularly to allow the development of new shoots, ideal for plant fertiliser.

# Comfrey



Symphytum sp.

#### Но

A perennial plant with large pointed, hairy and rough oval leaves. The stems flower as pink, purple or whitish bells, carrying 80 cm or more above the ground. Bees love comfrey so its a great attractor of pollinators for the garden.

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In spring, it is found in ditches, meadows and valley woods. It likes the rich, deep and humid soil. It can be grown in the garden but can become invasive. The Bocking 14 variety does not seed so is much less invasive. Cut them regularly to allow the development of new shoots, ideal for plant fertiliser.

# Bracken fern



### Where and when to find it?

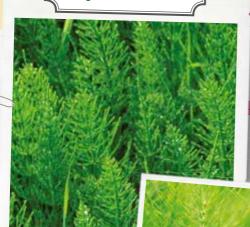
Present from spring to autumn, the Bracken fern is found naturally in forests and undergrowth. You can cultivate it in your garden, in sandy and acidic soil, and especially in a shady place.

Select the young leaves for your liquid manure.



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·	Plant	Résult	Application
	Nettle	GREENER LEAVES	By spraying, diluted to 5%.
	Rich in Nitrogen, mineral salts and Iron.	It promotes the growth of the vegetative parts of the plant and stimulates young plants in spring. Gives a good boost to your plants that have suffered from frost or hail damage.	By watering, diluted at 10%. Every 15 days in spring, then space every 3 weeks in summer
	Comfrey Potash, Phosphorus and Calcium.	MORE FLOWERS, MORE VEGETABLES  It promotes the formation of flowers, fruits and tubers.	By spraying, diluted to 5%. By watering, diluted at 10%. Every 15 days as flowers an fruits begin to form.
	Bracken fern Phosphorus.	Use to repel aphids. You can add a spoonful of black soap to improve adhesion of the solution. To prevent wireworms, water the soil.	By spraying, diluted to 5%.  By watering, diluted at 20%.

## Horsetail



Equisetum arvense.

#### How to recognize it?

A perennial plant made up of a multitude of small parts of interlocking stems, it looks a little like a fir tree. It is 30 to 60 cm high.

### Where and when to find it?

To be found in the countryside in ditches, edges, marshes. We do not recommend growing it in the garden, as horsetail is very invasive.



# Dandelion





# Zavender



Lavandula sp.

## Where and when to find it?

Easy to grow, lavender can be found in any garden. Some varieties can withstand temperatures as low as -20°C without any problems.

Cut your lavender in summer in dry weather, trimming only the green shoots and not into the woody stems to take advantage of this opportunity to give your lavender a new ball shape.



1 kg plants 10L water		
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Horsetail  Rich in Silica, and contains Potash, Calcium, and mineral salts.	As prevention for cryptogamic diseases: powdery mildew (potato, tomato), leaf curl, rust (roses), Molininia fungal disease.	By spraying, diluted to 10%. As soon as the conditions for the development of the fungi are present (humidity and heat). If the attack is too severe, spray every 3 or 4 days.
Dandelion  Good general stimulant. Use flowers, leaves and roots.	To stimulate and promote the defences of fruit trees and in the prevention of cryptogamic diseases.  Clay milk: 1 teaspoon of clay for 1L of water.	Ideally by spraying, diluted to 5% in a day milk. Otherwise by spraying, diluted to 10%. Use at the end of winter.
Zavender	Use to repel aphids and ants. Can be used on rose bush aphids and ornamental shrubs.	Use neat near ant nests, or paths of insects.  Plant lavender plants next to aphid-sensitive plants.

# Tuy



Hedena helix.



### Where and when to find it?

Ivy is a creeping or climbing plant. Thanks to the many specialised hairs on its stem, it climbs along tree trunks in search of light. Mature plants have glossy leaves and clusters of flowers which provide valuable food for pollinators in the autumn and winter.

Collect the stems with their leaves.



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Tuy Rich in saponin.	Use in the presence of aphids, red spiders, whiteflies and other insects.	By spraying, diluted to 5%. Spray on top and bottom of the leaves and stems.
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