



# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE des Jardins Familiaux

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**International Day for Biological Diversity**  
**on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**



## International Day for Biological Diversity

May is a busy month for allotment gardeners in Finland and throughout Europe. While gardeners, for example, in southern Finland are gradually starting new gardening season, the gardeners near polar circle are busy with planning and dreaming of the spring to come.



May 22nd is International Day for Biological Diversity. It is a special day, and, at the same time, it is like any other day in allotment gardens. On that day, like every day, allotment gardens provide insects and birds protection, nesting sites, and food, and thereby support biodiversity of nature in tightly built city environments. Allotment gardens are gardens with rich vegetation vital for the important pollinators, many of which are threatened species.

Biodiversity in nature is close to the heart both of the Federation of Finnish Allotment Gardens representing local allotment garden societies from Helsinki to Rovaniemi and all the other federations in Europe and Japan, united in the International Allotment Federation. All allotment federations are non-profit associations aiming to promote and develop allotment gardening. They drive sustainable development with the help of voluntary environmental leads in local allotment garden societies. Environmental leads inform and inspire fellow gardeners. They share best practices and ideate ways to maintain and increase biodiversity across allotment gardens throughout Europe, including tips for composting and recycling, avoiding chemicals, and removing introduced species in the garden.

Allotment gardeners celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity working in their gardens, keeping the soil alive with everything they do. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, they do what they know is best for the biodiversity in city environment, like they do every day.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is, however, also an opportunity to invite allotment gardeners to increase even more, if necessary, their efforts and invite all other gardeners to join in, in the same efforts, to save biodiversity for us and the coming generations!

## UN Environment Programm: Convention on Biological Diversity

<https://www.cbd.int/article/idb2023>

## UNESCO: International Day for Biological Diversity

<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/biological-diversity>

