**SELF ASSESSMENT MATRIX – BIODIVERSITY**

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| **Lower Effort and/or Cost****Higher Effort and/or Cost** | **Actions**  | **Tick when complete** |
| **Undertake discussions with children and families to find out how they would like to make changes to the outdoor area to support local diversity and nature play** |  |
| **Borrow a bug, reptile or mammal collection**  |  |
| **Put up posters of animals, birds and insects in your setting and try to identify visitors to your garden.** |  |
| **Plant a range of plants in your garden to provide shelter, nesting and food for animals and birds that might be passing through your outdoor area. Include or retain trees and tall shrubs, dense or spikey lower shrubs, plants that provide fruit, nectar and seeds. Talk to your local nursery to select suitable plants for your outdoor area** |  |
| **Tell your families about the actions you’ve completed to increase your settings’ biodiversity. Include tips in your newsletter. It might inspire families to look at what they can do in their own garden!** |  |
| **Add mulch, logs, large flat rocks and stone piles for lizards, animals and insects** |  |
| **Add a nesting box to your outdoor area to replicate natural shelters such as tree hollows. They are fun, cheap and easy to make** |  |
| **Create a frog pond that is safe for your children at your setting to access.**  |  |

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