

VILD HAVE WILD GARDEN

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For cirka et år siden overtog jeg et hus med en stor have. Haven er traditionelt indrettet med smukke bede med stauder og buske langs husmuren og i kanten af haven. Et overdækket og en fri terrasse er omgivet af en stor græsplæne, som kun er brudt af et par æbletræer samt et gammelt skur. Blomsterkrukker på terrassen og rododendron buske, der blomstrer det meste af sommeren. Hvad mere kan jeg forlange?

Til haven hører en høj skrænt. Den er groet i et stort vildnis med små tornede buske og mange store bregner. Den står hele sommeren grøn og frodig. Her er der hele tiden liv; gærdesmutteren forsøger at få styr på sine små unger, der nu og her vil udforske hele verden, og i tusmørket afslører strubelyde, at heroppe under bregnerne lever masser af frøer.

Haven grænser direkte ud til skov. Skovejeren er en flink nabo, og jeg må gå ind i skoven fra min have. Skoven har ikke været rørt i mange år, men det er let at gå rundt,

fordi rådyrene og andre dyr har lavet fine veksler imellem det tætte buskads. Rådyrene græsser også på min skrænt om vinteren og i det tidligste forår.

Min vilde skrænt og skoven har inspireret mig. Min have skal også være vild. Jeg vil prøve at optimere oplevelsen af vilde blomster, insekter og andre dyr på min grund. De første skridt er taget. Jeg har plantet vilde danske blomsterfrø, og de begynder at få fat. Næste skridt er jeg ved at tage. Græsplænen skal have lov til at gro til. Jeg vil indrette mig med små stier rundt omkring i haven, og ellers skal de store arealer med græs i løbet af de kommende år blive til vild have med almindeligt forekommende danske planter, og altså ikke kun græs.

Lige nu er min have både traditionel og vild. Det er en fantastisk oplevelse at gå ud og betragte alle de smukke planter og insekter omkring mit hus.

Wild garden

About a year ago I took over a house with a large garden. The garden is traditionally arranged with beautiful beds with perennials and bushes along the house wall and at the edge of the garden. A covered and a free terrace is surrounded by a large lawn, which is only broken by two apple trees as well as an old shed. Vases with flowers on the terrace and rhododendron bushes that bloom most of the summer. What more can I ask for?

As a part of the garden I have a steep slope. It has run wild in a large wilderness with small thorn bushes and a lot of big ferns. It stands all summer green and lush. Here there is always life; the wren is trying to get a grip on her young birds, which now and here want to explore the world, and in the evening twilight, guttural sounds reveal that up here under the ferns lots of frogs are living.

The garden borders directly on forest. The forest owner is a nice neighbour and I am allowed to go into the woods from my garden. The forest has not been touched for many

years, but it is easy to walk around, because the roe-deer and other animals have made fine tracks between the dense shrubbery. In winter and in the earliest spring the deer also graze on my slope.

My wild steep slope and the woods have inspired me. My garden must also be wild. I will try to optimize the experience of wild-flowers, insects and other animals on my site. The first steps have been taken. I have planted seeds from wild Danish flowers, and they begin spread. The next step I am about to take. The lawn should be allowed to run wild. I will organize my site with small paths around in the garden, and otherwise the large areas of grass in the coming years must become a wild garden with ordinary Danish plants, not just grass.

Right now, my garden is both traditional and wild. It is an amazing experience to go out and see all the beautiful flowers and insects around my house.



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