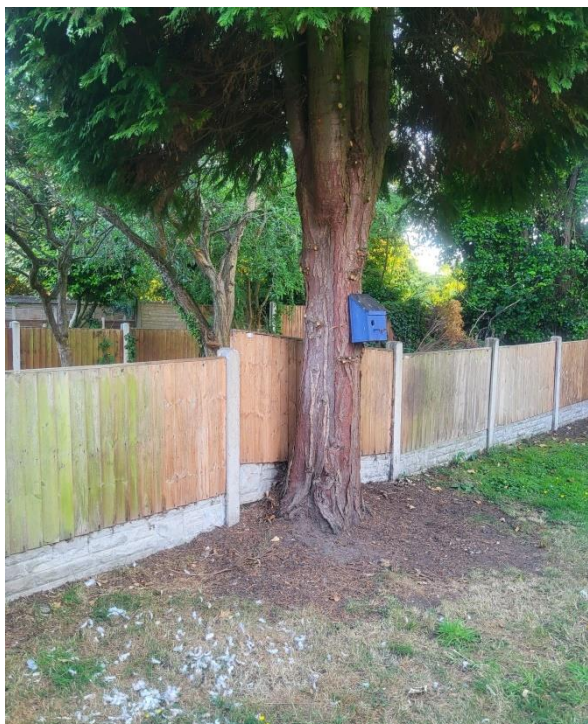
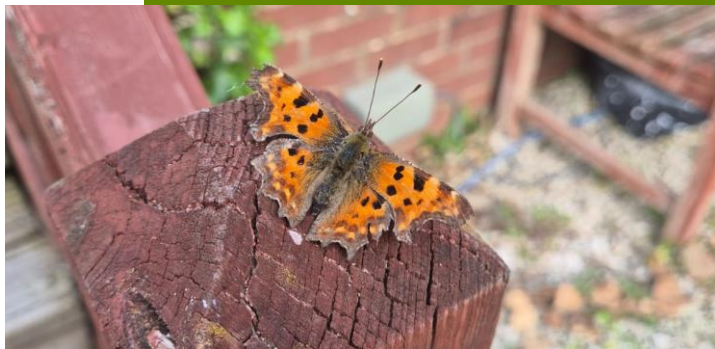




My Garden

JOHN MUIR EXPERIENCE





This is my little garden world. I started noticing things I never paid attention to before.

I came outside early and saw how soft the morning light was. Everything looked calm. I don't usually stop and look in the morning, but now I do. I noticed little things — like how the plants shine when the sun hits them. It made me feel relaxed. I didn't want to rush back inside.





- **Pansies** – Purple, yellow, white, and lilac shades.
- **Bellis perennis (English Daisy)** – Red pom-pom-like flowers.

These flowers bloom like little celebrations. Each petal feels like the start of a new season. I didn't realize how many colors were in my garden until I really started paying attention.



- **Bellis perennis (English Daisies)** in various colors — white, pink, red — with bright yellow centers. They're known for their button-like appearance.



This is where I sit with tea and listen to the wind in the leaves. I love how the rhododendron's leaves feel smooth and strong, like they're built to last. The deep pink buds slowly opening make it feel like the plant is waking up with me.



Primrose

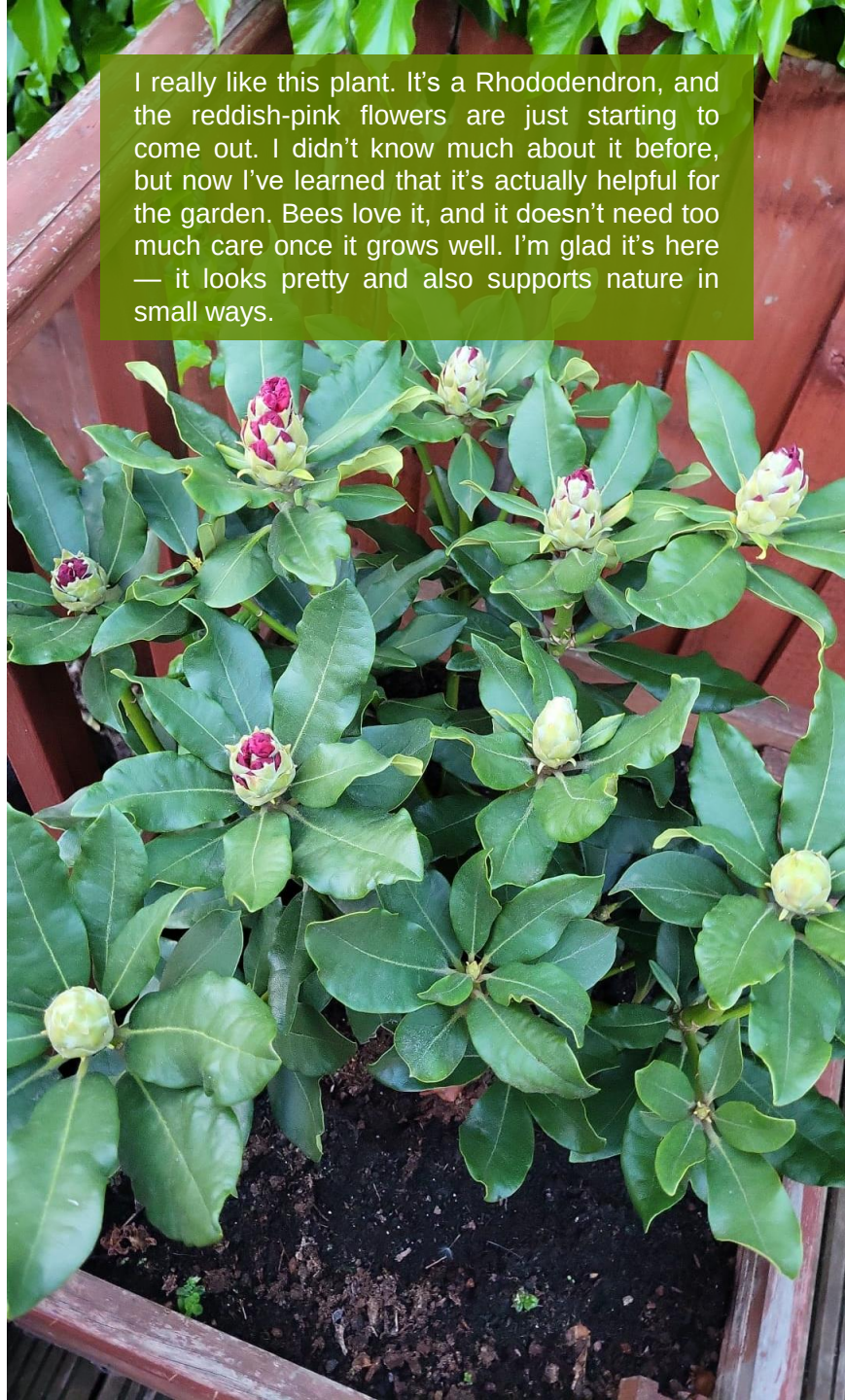




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We don't use pesticides. These plants grow freely with sun and rain.

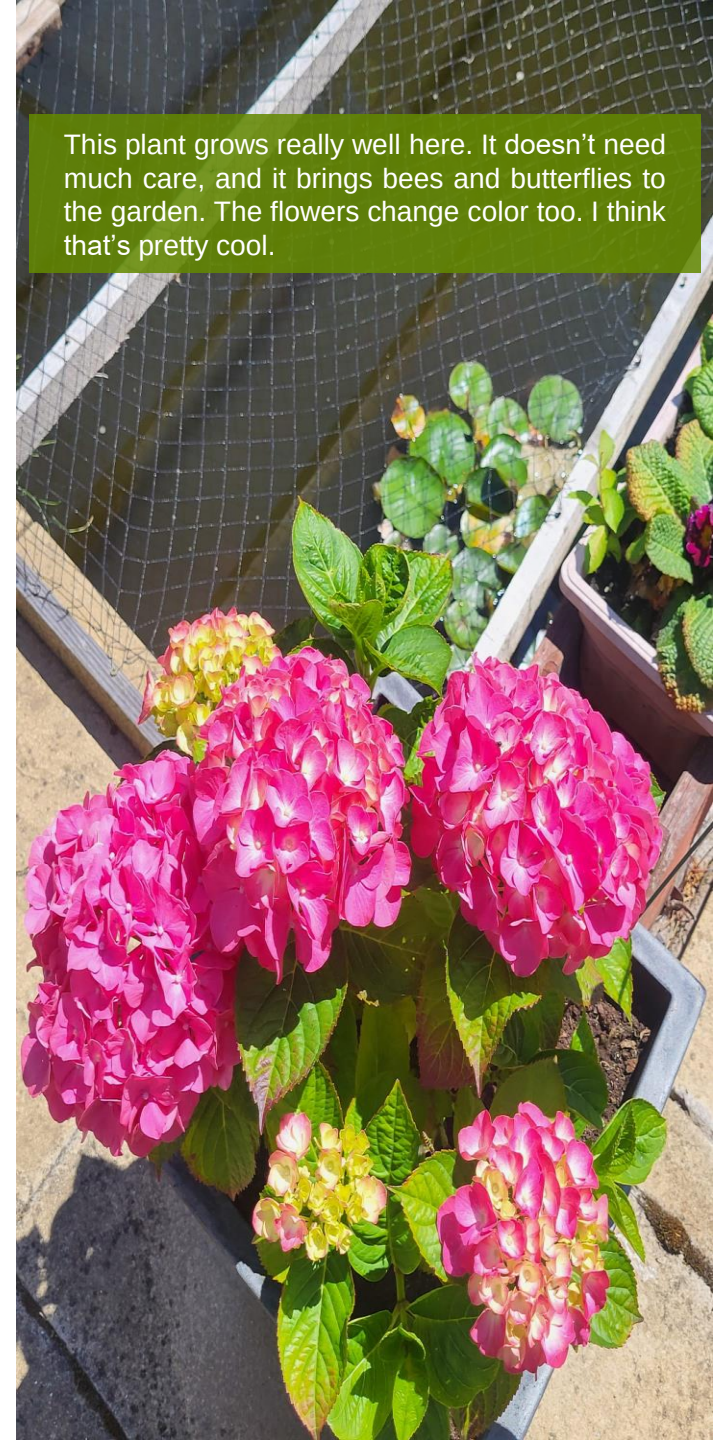
I really like this plant. It's a Rhododendron, and the reddish-pink flowers are just starting to come out. I didn't know much about it before, but now I've learned that it's actually helpful for the garden. Bees love it, and it doesn't need too much care once it grows well. I'm glad it's here — it looks pretty and also supports nature in small ways.



I found this yellow-flower plant called Greater Celandine. It was used in old medicines, but it can be poisonous too. I saw spider webs around it, so I left it alone — it's part of the garden's balance.



This plant grows really well here. It doesn't need much care, and it brings bees and butterflies to the garden. The flowers change color too. I think that's pretty cool.





This plant does really well in my garden without needing much water or care. The flowers always attract bees, and that makes the space feel more alive. It also doesn't get eaten by rabbits or other animals, which means I don't need to use any sprays. It's strong, low-maintenance, and good for nature — exactly the kind of plant I want more of.

I found out this plant is called Green Alkanet. I didn't know its name before, but I always noticed how much bees liked it. It grows on its own and doesn't need much care, which is great. It spreads quickly, so I keep an eye on it — but I like that it covers the ground and keeps weeds away. It feels good knowing it helps pollinators and doesn't need any chemicals to grow.





I love how bright the pink flowers look in this spot. They don't need much water, which is good for hot weather. The yellow leaves in front make a nice contrast — they grow fast and attract small birds and insects. I've learned that some plants, like the yellow one, can spread too much in some places, so it's important to check that before planting more. I'm trying to keep my garden beautiful, but also careful.

I didn't know much about this tree before, but I found out it's called Bauhinia or Orchid Tree. It's not just pretty — people use it for so many things. Its leaves can feed animals, the wood helps in farming tools, and even the flowers and bark are used in traditional medicine. It's nice to know that something so beautiful also has a lot of practical uses. I'll make sure it stays healthy and doesn't spread too much where it shouldn't.



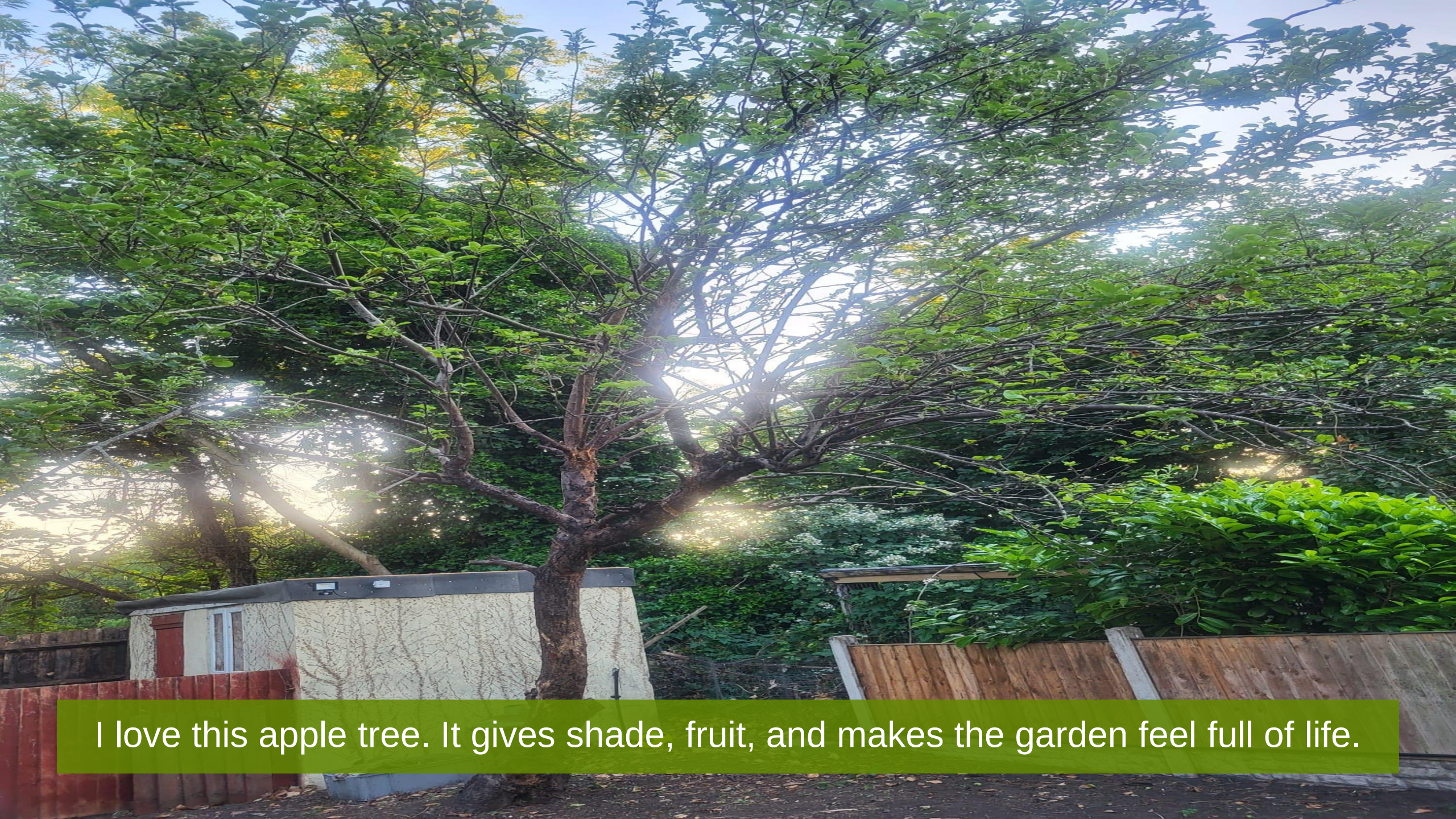
More about Orchid Tree

This tree changes the whole feel of the garden when it blooms. It brings color after dry days and becomes the first thing I notice when I step outside. Bees and butterflies are often seen around it, and sometimes I find fallen petals covering the ground like a soft carpet.

It's not just big — it gives balance. When there's too much sun, it offers shade. When the ground looks plain, it adds color. And when I'm tired or thinking too much, just sitting under it helps me feel calm. It reminds me that nature doesn't have to be controlled to be beautiful — sometimes we just need to let things grow.



I really love this tree. It's called a Star Magnolia. It was one of the first things to bloom in my garden, even when it was still a bit cold. The flowers come early and bees visit them when not much else is open. I didn't know before that it's actually a great choice for the garden — it doesn't need much care and it's happy even in cold weather. I like that it's slow-growing but strong. It feels like it's going to be part of this garden for a long time.



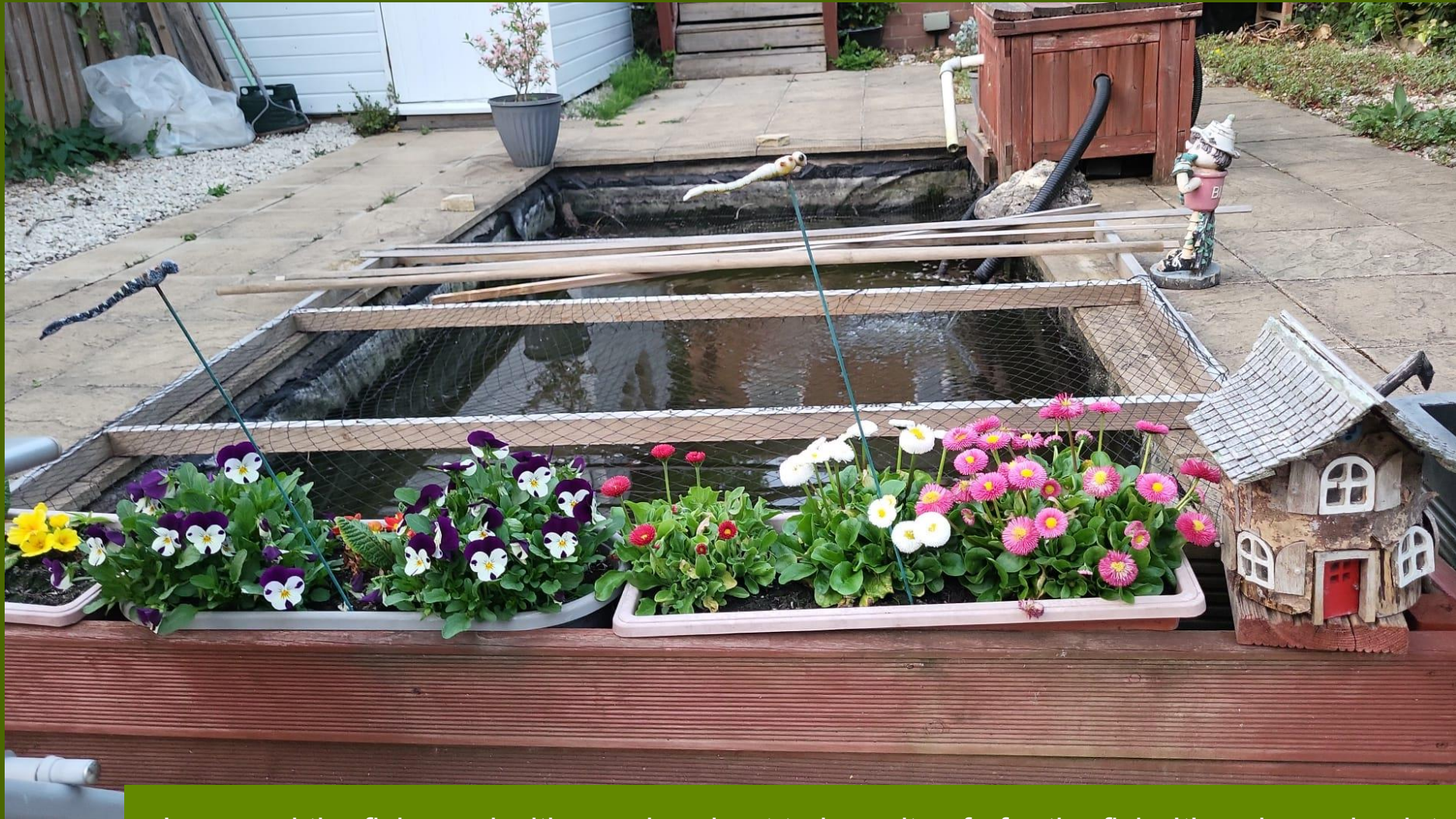
I love this apple tree. It gives shade, fruit, and makes the garden feel full of life.



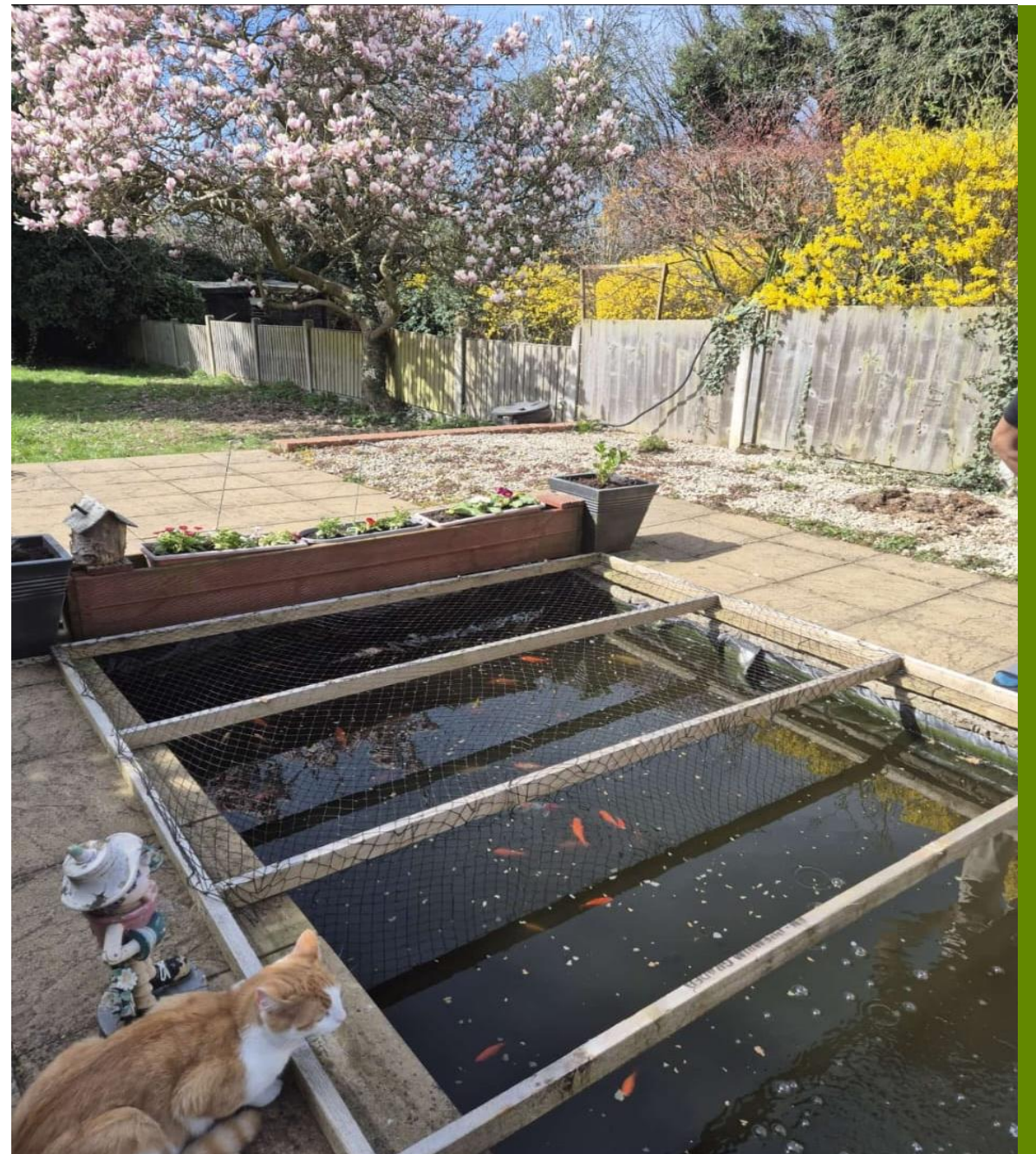
I like this tree. It's been here longer than anything else in the garden. We added a bird box to give birds a safe spot. I didn't think much about trees before, but now I see how important they are — giving shade, cleaning the air, and helping birds, bugs, and even the soil. The feathers on the ground show that it's being used, and that makes me happy.

I started growing tomatoes here. It's just a small space, but it feels good to grow something myself. I don't need to buy as much, and I only take what I need. The old wood for support and the fence makes it feel like a proper little patch. I use kitchen scraps in the soil, and I've seen more bugs and bees around now. It's simple, but it's helping nature in small ways.

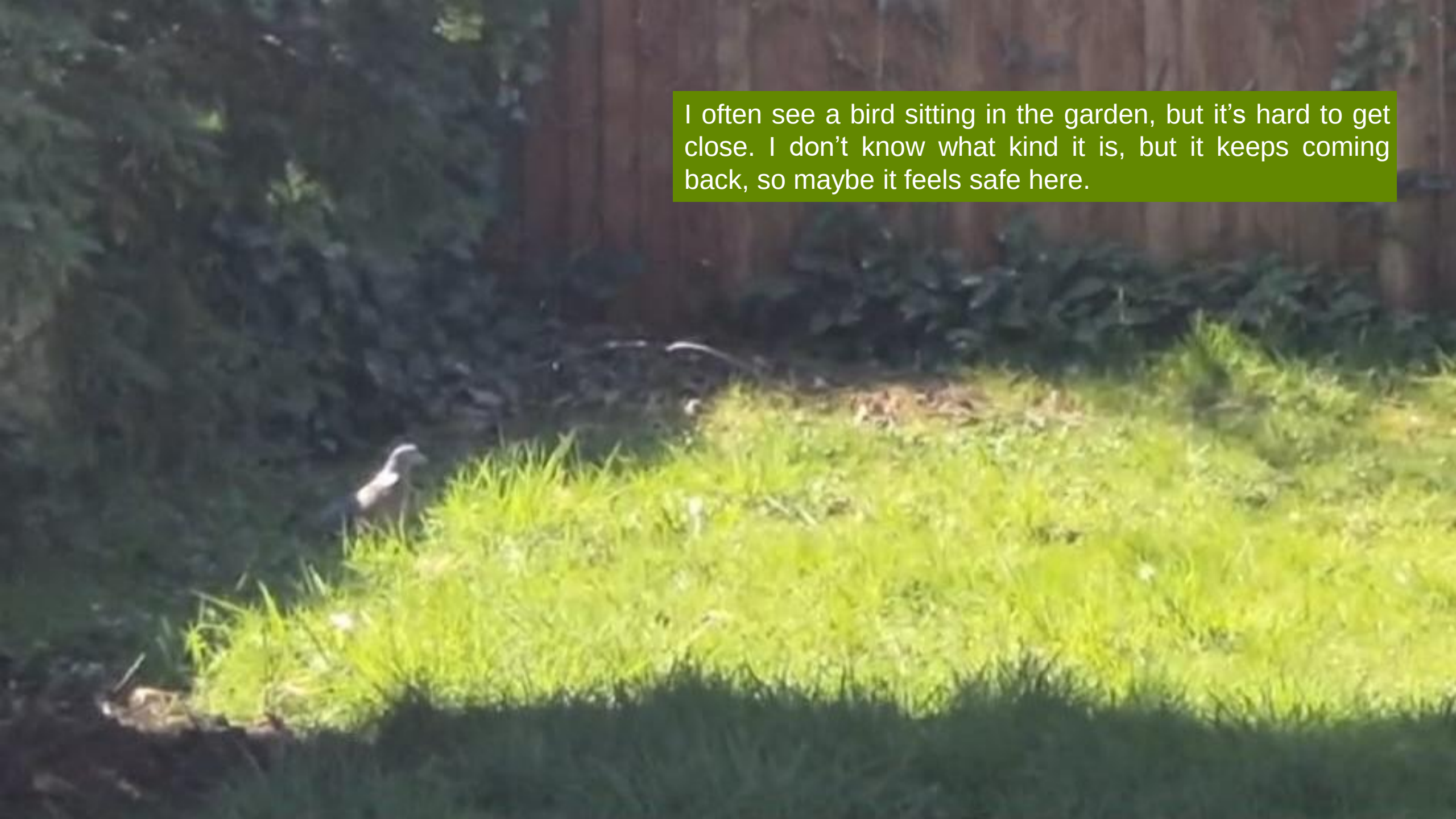


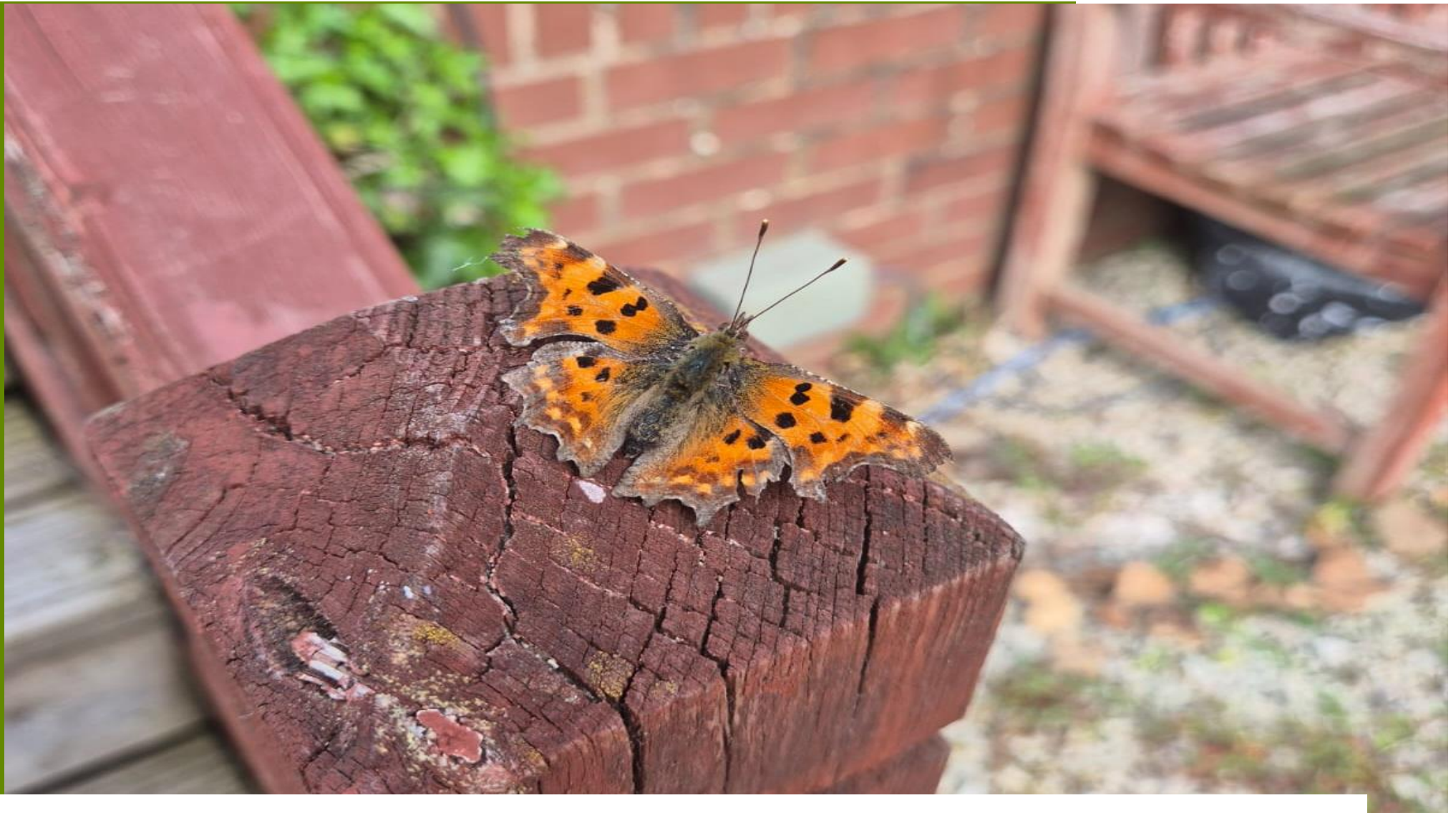


I covered the fish pond with wood and net to keep it safe for the fish. It's calm and quiet, and I like just sitting near it.



I often see a bird sitting in the garden, but it's hard to get close. I don't know what kind it is, but it keeps coming back, so maybe it feels safe here.

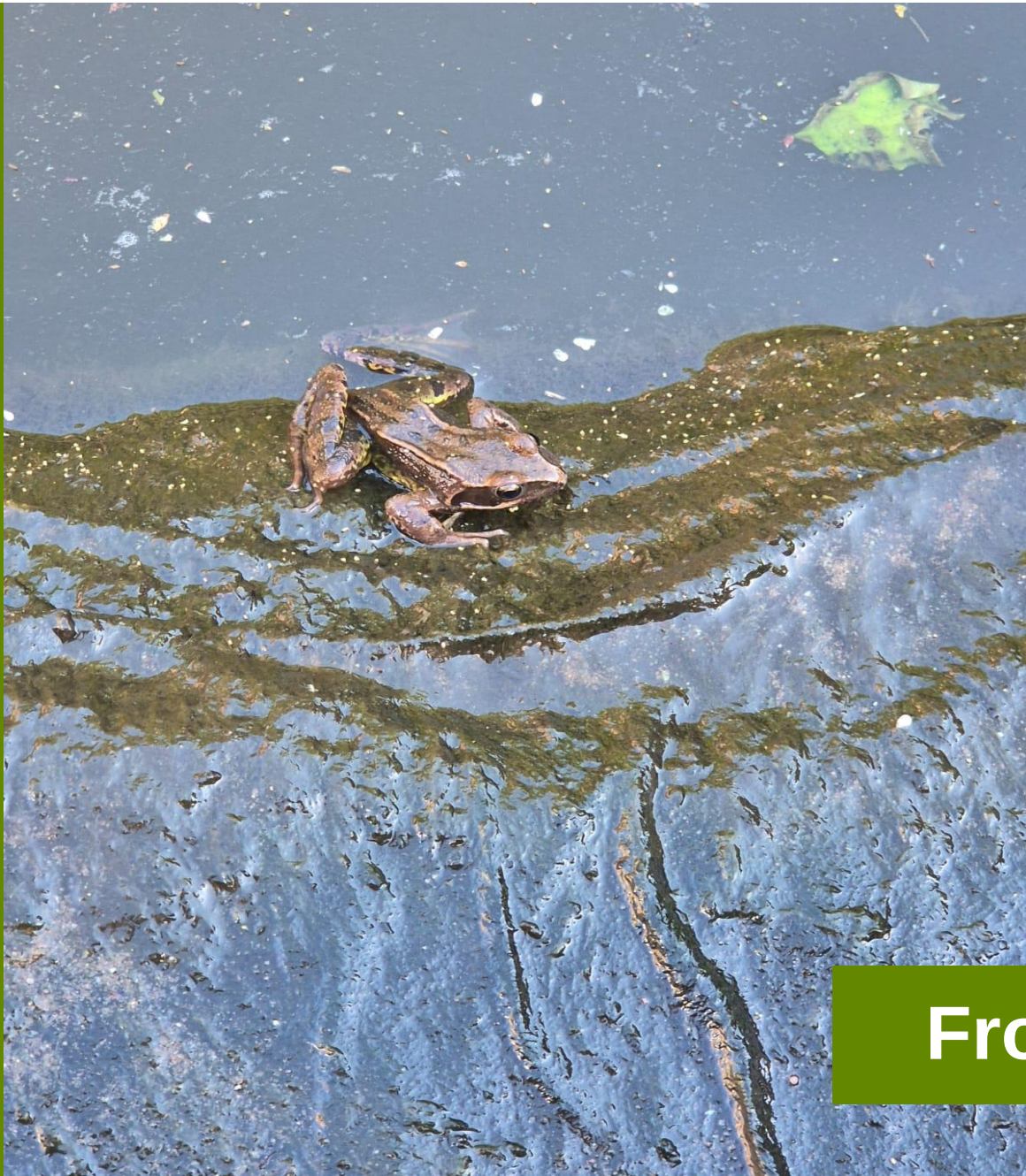




A butterfly stayed still just long enough for this photo.



This cat often visits my garden. Sometimes it just walks around, sometimes it lies under the bench. It feels like even the animals know this is a safe place.



Frogs

More about Frogs

Role in the Garden

Frogs help by eating insects like mosquitoes, slugs, and flies, which keeps the garden balanced without using harmful sprays.

Sign of a Healthy Space

When frogs live in a garden, it means the water and environment are clean and safe for wildlife.

Space

They need quiet, shady, and damp places to rest and hide. Ponds, long grass, and leaf piles all help them survive.

Link to Sustainability

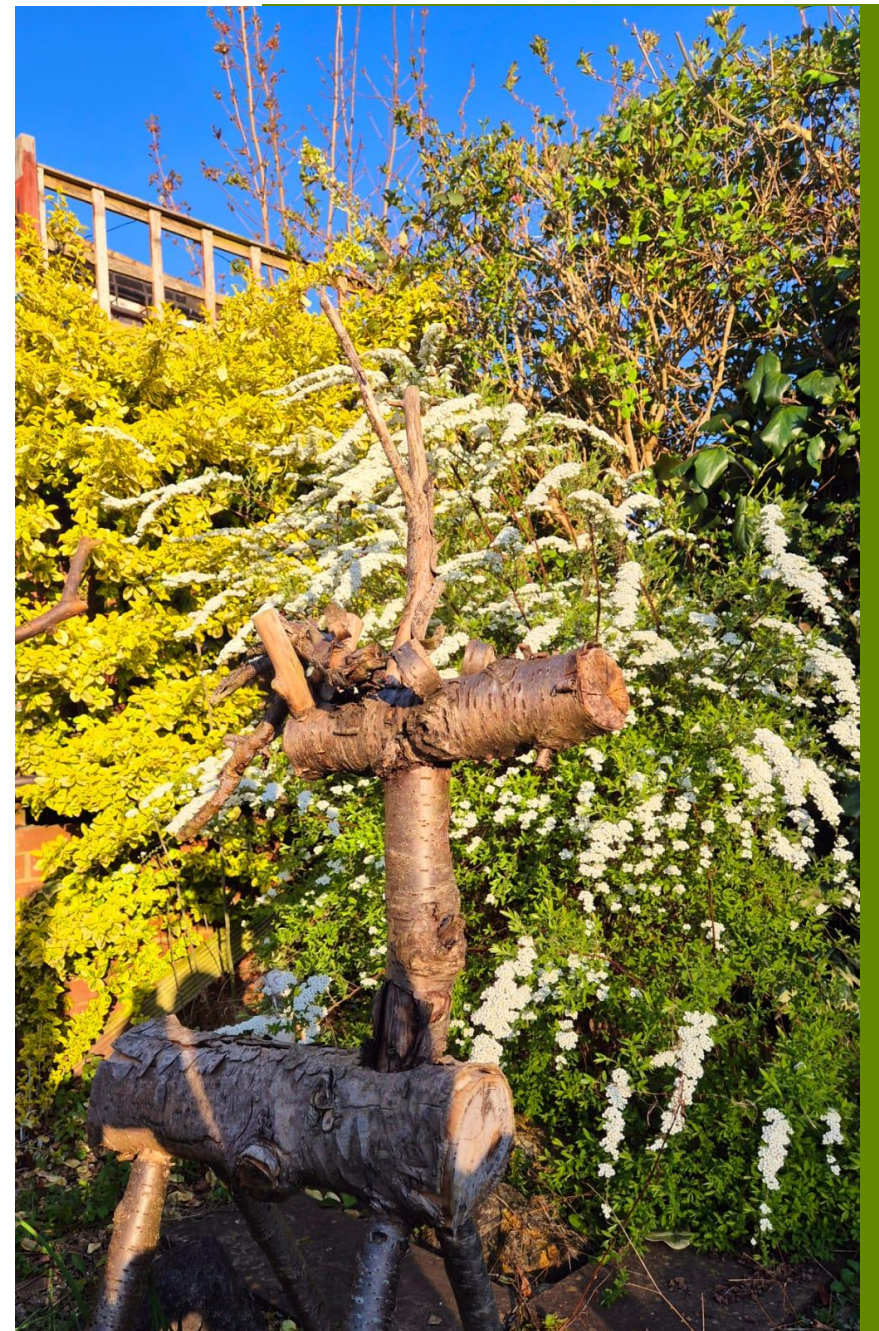
By avoiding chemicals and leaving some areas wild, we make space for frogs and support natural pest control. This helps the whole garden stay in balance.



This is another wildlife animal I found in my garden — a newt! I didn't expect to see one. It was small and quiet, hiding near a watery corner. I learned that newts can show if the environment is healthy. They eat tiny bugs and are also food for bigger animals. Just by being here, they help keep the garden balanced.



I made these little reindeers using branches and logs from the garden. Instead of throwing them away, I thought it would be fun to turn them into something. It didn't cost anything, and it feels good to reuse things like this. It also fits in with the plants and flowers around it. It reminds me that we can make beautiful things without buying new stuff.





A Place for Everyone –

Sharing and Protecting our Garden Space

I wanted my garden to look perfect. I cut the grass, cleaned the edges, and moved things out of the way.

Then one day I saw a bee struggling on the ground. It was tired and lost.

I put a tiny drop of sugar water near it, and it slowly moved and flew away.

That day I thought: maybe not everything has to be neat. Maybe the messy parts are homes.

Since then, I leave some leaves and wood. I share my garden now — and it feels more alive.

I used to think the garden was only for us to enjoy — for playing, sitting, or growing plants. But now I see it's also a space for nature to live. That's why I don't try to control every part of it. Some areas I leave wild, and I avoid using harsh chemicals. I'm learning that by sharing the garden, I'm also protecting it.