



Grow your own way into a Green Job for Nature



Getting Started: Level 1

- GCSE Grades 3-1 (D-G)
- Technical Courses
- Internships/Traineeships

Level 2

- GCSE Grades 9-4 (A*-C)
- Technical Courses (i.e. Level 2 in Land & Wildlife)
- Apprenticeships

Level 3

- Technical Courses: Can be taken at land-based colleges & universities. Typically taken over 1 or 2 years at Level 3. i.e. Level 3 in Countryside Management
- Apprenticeships
- A Levels & International Baccalaureate Useful subjects for Green Jobs for Nature include:
- English
- Maths
- Science (Biology)
- Geography

Level 4 & 5/Further Education

Higher Apprenticeships

Combine on the job learning with teaching and study. A Level 4 Apprenticeship takes around 2 years to complete.

Higher National Certificates (HNC - 1 year) or Diplomas (HND - 2 years). Can be taken part-time over a longer period.

Foundation Degrees (FdSc/FdA). Similar to HNC/HND, can lead to Bachelors Degree.

Level 6+/Higher Education

Degree Apprenticeships

Combines on the job learning with teaching and study. At level 6 (& above) these take between 3 & 5 years.

University Degrees (BSc/BA)

In ecology and environmental disciplines, take 3 to 4 years (full-time) to complete. Part time options are also available.

Master's Degrees (MSc/MA/MRes)

Take around 1 year to complete (full time), part-time options are also available.

Employment

Traineeships hosted by organisations like the Wildlife Trusts offer work experience and support to complete a qualification portfolio, sometimes with a bursary. These opportunities can be found on job vacancy websites such as the Countryside Jobs Service. Also consider short courses and free opportunities for young people, for example those run by the Field Studies Council and the Open University.

Remember to consider both A Levels and Technical qualifications, as both routes offer the same UCAS points and can lead to exciting opportunities in ecology and the environment.



For more Green Jobs for Nature careers information, please visit: <https://greenjobsfornature.org/>