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Would you like to create a home for stag beetles?

Build a log pyramid for stag beetles

A log pyramid is a slightly unusual version of a log pile where you bury logs upright in the ground providing a good supply of underground wood for stag beetles. Find out how to make a log pyramid [here](#).



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Log piles are also great for other wildlife

Log piles are great for so many animals. Other insects, small mammals and amphibians use them. You can use any size of logs or even twigs and branches. Add leaf litter to provide a potential nesting site for hedgehogs.

Where do I get the wood?

If you have logs or branches left over from pruning these can be used to make a log pile. If you don't already have any suitable wood, try asking neighbours or you could ask a tree surgeon. Please don't take logs from woodland as this removes important habitat. For stag beetles it's best to use the wood from a broadleaved tree (one that loses its leaves in winter) such as oak, beech, birch and fruit trees.

Map your log pile

Whether you retain a tree stump, bury logs for stag beetles or create a log pile for wildlife, we'd love to hear from you. From 7 June, you can post a photo of your log pile on our online map.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more about stag beetles.

Best wishes,



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