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BBA Newsletter – May 2026

Today, 22 May, is the [International Day of Biodiversity](#) — and what better moment to celebrate the incredible richness of life around us here in Belgium? Across Belgium, the **Biodiversity Week** (16–24 May) is bringing citizens, organisations and governments together to map, discover and celebrate the life around us. This year's theme is "*Vollenbak natuur bingen/Plongez dans la nature*" — a call to immerse yourself in nature.

Several BBA partners are part of this national campaign: [SPW Agriculture, Ressources Naturelles et Environnement](#), [Agentschap Natuur en Bos](#), [Vlaamse Land Maatschappij](#), [FPS Health](#), [Food Chain Safety and Environment](#), [Instituut voor Natuur- en Bosonderzoek](#), and [Brussels Environment](#). There are still a few days to go — so grab the sunshine, head outside and register your observations via the **ObsIdentify** app as part of the **National Biodiversity Challenge 2026**. Every observation counts! 🌿🐝



📣 Tip of the month 📣

Beat the heat — with nature! Temperatures the coming week are rising up to 30°C: the perfect excuse to seek out a shady park, meadow or forest edge. While you cool down, look around — and

log what you spot on the **ObsIdentify app!** Every flower, butterfly or beetle you record helps map Belgium's biodiversity. Nature binging at its finest. 🌞🦋

Project in the spotlight



Veldkleur grows organic, biodynamic flowers in Rummen and beyond — supporting landscape diversity, soil health and wild pollinators with every bloom. Demeter-certified since 2021, the team cultivates locally and seasonally for CSA members, florists and businesses making conscious choices. At the East Limburg Hospital (ZOL), Veldkleur manages a therapeutic picking garden, bringing the healing power of flowers to patients and visitors alike. By closing cycles, planting trees and even keeping Tamworth pigs to manage the land naturally, Veldkleur shows that growing flowers can be a genuine act of ecological restoration. 🌸

[Learn more](#)

Partner in the spotlight

De Bosgroepen supports forest owners across Flanders in the sustainable management of their woodland — and works to bring more forest to your neighbourhood.

Together with 15,000 members, they manage 57,000 hectares of forest in Flanders. This month, we are shining a light on their **Bosbabbel** initiative: do you have a piece of land where you'd like to plant a forest? [Request a free, no-obligation visit](#) from a De



Bosgroepen advisor, and get support every step of the way — from subsidies to planting and long-term management. Over 600 Flemish citizens have already taken the step. Where will the next forest grow? 🌳



[Learn more](#)



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Upcoming events on biodiversity



BBA Symposium – 9 September

Join us for an inspiring one-day symposium at **Hasselt University**, bringing together diverse stakeholders around one question: *how do we accelerate the transition to a biodiversity-positive society?* Expect inspiring plenary sessions, interactive breakouts and rich networking opportunities. 🌱

[Learn more](#)



Natuur-inbouw Closing Event – 4 June

A must for architects,
contractors, ecologists



Het Goede Moment / Le Bon Moment, Closing Night – 18 June

Be Planet invites you to
Namur for the grand



Invasive Alien Species Week – 22 until 28 June

ExotenNet is launching
Belgium's first IAS Week,

and policymakers: this free closing event in Brussels (NL only) brings together three years of insights on nature-inclusive building for fauna. More information can be found [here](#).

Register before 27 May!



[Register now](#)

closing ceremony of this national campaign — live across 12 regional TV chains. You can expect concerts, debates and encounters with fellow biodiversity enthusiasts!



[Learn more](#)

joining the international Invasive Alien Species Week. Organisations are invited to join the campaign "[Deze soorten verstoren/Ces espèces derangent](#)" — with ready-made content to share. Simple, impactful and free. 🐢 🌸

[Register now](#)

Do you know inspiring initiatives that contribute to the objectives of the BBA? We'd love to discover and showcase more inspiring actions on our website, so feel free to email us.

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