

AUTUMN SOWN WILD BIRD SEED MIXTURE

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Many farmers who have joined Entry Level Stewardship scheme and have nominated a wild bird seed mixture option for arable land now have the opportunity to sow a specially designed mixture in the autumn!

Up to now the options have been limited to sowing a mixture in the spring but having run a series of trials sown in the autumn of 2005 we are pleased to launch **MAGNET** mixture designed and proven for sowing in the autumn.

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This mixture was designed in conjunction with BASF at Rawcliffe Bridge following our successful autumn sown trials. All of the ingredients were sown and established in the autumn of 2005 and produced an early flowering crop the following spring and will provide a habitat and food source for many farmland birds in the subsequent autumn and winter months.

The mixture contains the following species and is eligible for both EF2 and EF3 Wild bird seed mixture options under the Entry Level Stewardship scheme:

Winter Triticale
Vetch/Tares
Phacelia
Linseed
Fodder Radish

The mixture is supplied in 15 kilo half hectare units.

For this option you must:

- Sow in strips at least 6 metres wide at the edges of fields and/or in blocks. Blocks or strips must not exceed 0.5 ha and must have no more than one block or strip per 20 ha. This is to ensure that blocks and strips are well distributed across the land
- Re establish as necessary to maintain seed production, and re sow at least every other year

If you want an autumn sown mixture to attract the farmland birds then sow
MAGNET!



Phacelia - autumn sown



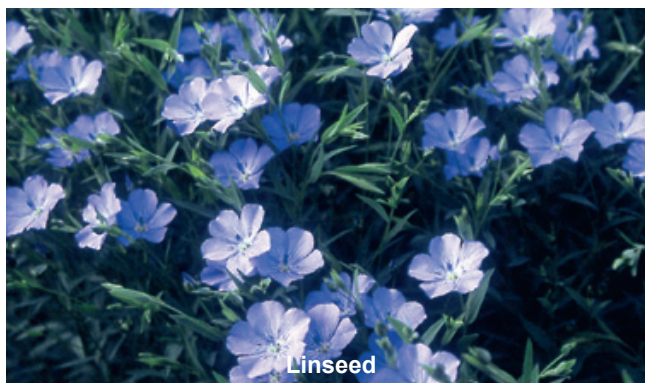
Fodder Radish - autumn sown



Vetch - autumn sown



Winter Triticale - autumn sown



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