

Steps to establish perennial and annual plant species in the orchard



Step 1:

Survey your orchard, decide what area and where the biodiversity plantings could be established.



Step 2:

Design your planting strategy for the inter-row and intra-row, and annual flower seed mix. Contact your local seed supplier to source the seed mixes.



Step 3:

Make sure you have access to the right **equipment** such as a sprayer, mower and a direct drill (e.g. vineyard seeder) for sowing seed.



Step 4:

Prepare the orchard. You may need to spray and mow the existing green cover. Compacted soil may need light tillage. This could be done prior to or at sowing. Prune back overhanging branches and open the canopy allowing light penetration for establishment of sowings.

Step 5:

Before sowing seed, **check your soil moisture levels.** Also consider the weather forecast and when rain might be expected.



Step 6:

Sow seed mixes in the inter-row and intra-row and watch it grow.

Step 7:

Sow annual flower strips either through the inter-row or at the edge of the inter-row pasture strips or as a separate floral strip in the orchard.