

## Reminders and tips for January

- Make sure that birds have food and water
- Keep on top of winter germinating weeds
- Clear the crowns of damp leaves
- Continue winter digging as soil conditions allow
- Order seeds and summer flowering bulbs
- Check newly planted trees and shrubs and refirm if lifted by frost
- Brush snow off heavily laden trees, shrubs and hedges before the weight breaks branches
- Check supports of trees and shrubs
- Protect plants vulnerable to wind and cold
- Plant deciduous hedging
- Prune trees and shrubs to shape
- Prune wisteria and other vigorous climbers
- Take hardwood cuttings of trees and shrubs
- Take root cuttings from perennials
- Check forced bulbs for growth
- Sow sweet peas under cover
- Aerate lawns to improve drainage
- Keep a small area of ponds free from ice
- Sow early vegetable crops under cover
- Chit early potatoes
- Protect fruit trees from bird damage
- Continue planting and winter pruning of fruit
- Force rhubarb
- Sow some summer bedding under cover
- Prune grape vines before the sap starts rising
- Protect container plants from freezing spells and insulate outside taps