

## CATEGORY 2: USER-FRIENDLY GREEN AREAS AND GARDEN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY/THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & COMMERCIAL AREAS



### **JAN NUSSBAUER/GÄRTNEREI HERBA GRATA (CZ, 2014-2015) CZ COMPANY GARDEN OF DM DROGERIE MARKT, ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE CZ**

Located on a former asphalt parking space, the company garden of the České Budějovice-based headquarters of dm with constantly flowering shrub beds, is covering an area of 750 m<sup>2</sup>. The transformation into a green island right in the middle of the big city has brought about a diversified community of plants in front of the main entrance, around the entire building, as well as around the car parkings. In the shady parts, there can be found compost jars, herbaceous perennials and climbing plants. During the entire season, the plants continuously produce new blossoms. In some gravel beds plants have been selected taking into account extremely hot conditions. Rainwater retention is an issue here. The flowing water elements include vital bee and bird baths amidst the shrub plantings. Extensive green roofs form a sea of flowers for pollinators. In order to promote birds, different nesting boxes are attached to the trees around the company headquarters. Other useful creatures can discover a place for themselves in special hotels, like woodpiles, old tree stumps, as well as in beehives. Last but not least, employees find free space to relax under a mountain ash. Herbs out of large, mobile pots – are used in the company's in-house buffet.

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