

CATEGORY 1: MUNICIPAL GREEN AREAS – ECOLOGICALLY DESIGNED AND CULTIVATED



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MARKET TOWN RANKWEIL (AT, SINCE 2010) NATURAL DIVERSITY IN THE MARKET TOWN

Following the environmental approach, various open spaces and the roadside greenery in Rankweil have been designed in a near-natural way whenever there were replantings, reaching from the city centre to the outskirts of the city. In 2010, the first area was finalised using indigenous plants, while in 2011 residual areas along a road were greened with indigenous shrubs and seedings as a pilot area during a course in cooperation with the Federal Province of Vorarlberg. Subsequently, various areas have been redesigned with seedings and mixed shrub plantings on thin and thick subsoils; furthermore, tree and hedge plantings, representative areas, flower meadows, fringes etc. have been created. During the implementation of all projects – reaching from the Waterwheel Loop (Wasserrad Schleife), the St.-Josef Church, the industrial area Römergrund, the Wild Hedge Bifang, the roof greening of the secondary school and the St.-Michael Garden to the Wild Bee Station at the Station Square, much care was taken to make nesting places possible. At the same time, the spaces are maintained at different points of time, and also the Machine Park has been rearranged. Today, all flowered areas are only mown and hayed with a cutter bar. A wild bee census carried out in 2014 and an evaluation on their stock conservation and continuous bee reproduction have confirmed and underpinned the success of these endeavours. Advertisements and signpostings provide the population with comprehensive information.

