



Bringing Birds to the Backyard Habitat

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Why attract birds to your yard?

- Most species are declining as natural habitats disappear - your yard can provide habitat connectivity
- Birds can assist with pollination and pest control

What do birds need?

- Cover/Shelter
- Nesting
- Food and Water

Plants, Plants, Plants

- Benefits of Natives

Unintended Consequences

- Increase risks to birds from predators and window-strikes
- Undesirable critters attracted by bird feeders
- Bird damage to home orchards and tender seedlings

References and Information Sites:

Bringing Birds to the Backyard Habitat: Presentation, References and Links:

UCCE Central Sierra: <http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology: <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>

Backyard Bird Problems: www.fws.gov/pacific/migratorybirds/backyard.html

University of Maine Cooperative Extension: <http://extension.umaine.edu>

National Wildlife Federation: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>

National Audubon Society: <https://www.audubon.org>

University of California Butterfly Site: <http://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/>

Pollinator Partnership: <http://pollinator.org>

Sherwood Demonstration Garden: http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Demonstration_Garden/

UC Davis Arboretum: <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu>

CalFlora: <http://www.calflora.org/>

Elderberry Farm Native Plant Nursery:

https://sacvalleycnps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=110

Las Pilitas Bird Gardening Plant List: <http://www.laspilitas.com/bird.htm>

Cornflower Farms: <http://www.cornflowerfarms.com/index.php>

Books:

California Native Landscape by Greg Rubin & Lucy Warren

Designing California Native Gardens by Glenn Keator, Alrie Middlebrook, & Phyllis M. Faber

Native Treasures, Gardening with the Plants of California by Nevin Smith

California Native Plants for the Garden by Carol Bornstein, David Fross, & Bart O'Brien

National Audubon Society: The Bird Garden, by Stephen W. Kress

Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard, by Douglas W. Tallamy

Gardening for the Birds: How to Create a Bird-Friendly Backyard, by George Adams