



Bird-Friendly Habitat Recognition Program



Food



Water



Shelter



Nesting

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Creating a Bird-Friendly Habitat

Food

Think bird-friendly food groups when adding native plants and feeders: insects, seeds, berries, & nectar.



- Native trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses
- Dead wood and fallen leaves
- Seed and nectar feeders
- Suet
- Fruit
- Mealworms

Water

Provide birds with clean water sources all year long for drinking, bathing, and preening.



- Streams, creeks, vernal pools
- Wetlands
- Rain gardens
- Bird baths, ponds, water garden
- Fountains (traditional or drip)
- Other depressions, downspout pools, and pooling areas

Shelter

Aim for a variety of heights and textures to provide plenty of options for birds to rest, avoid predators, and build nests.



- Native trees, shrubs, grasses, ferns (including evergreens)
- Native fencerows/bramble patches
- Log, brush, or rock piles
- Meadows
- Discarded Christmas trees
- Nest and winter roost boxes

Nesting

Offer natural and human-made options for birds to nest safely, away from predators and other threats.



- Multiple native trees, shrubs
- Standing dead trees
- Meadows and grasslands
- Nest boxes, platforms, cups
- Accessible barn or structure
- Chimney Swift tower/accessible chimney
- Abandoned silo