

Hospitality in the Garden



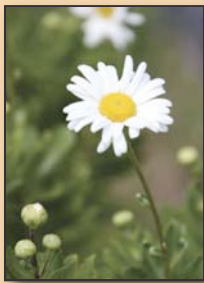
Creating a wildlife habitat for birds and butterflies will provide you with many hours of enjoyment. Planting the right vegetation and following these simple steps will help attract these welcome visitors to your backyard.

Butterflies are essential pollinators in the garden and birds help provide insect and pest control, as well as providing their pleasant birdsong.



Food Sources

Seeds, berries, fruits and nectar will attract birds. Select plants that will produce seeds and fruit in various seasons. Migrating birds such as Robins, Orioles, and Waxwings will stop for several days to fuel up before continuing their long journeys. Offer supplemental food during the winter months, such as seeds, suet, and fruit. Flowers in the Asteraceae family (aster, daisy and sunflower family) will help to provide butterflies with the nectar they seek.



Vegetation

For protection and nesting sites, offer a wide variety of plants, shrubs, canopy trees and groundcovers. These plants will offer protection from the elements, predators, as well as help to provide food sites. Plant Milkweed for nesting butterflies. If your climate is windy, tall, deciduous trees with progressively smaller trees

and shrubs along the edges of your yard will provide windbreaks for shelter.

Water

The simplest and most important element. A bird bath is wonderful, but the sound of dripping water helps to bring the birds in. A sand puddle with water is also a favorite rest spot for butterflies.



Provide a Dust Bath

Line an area of approximately three square feet using rocks or bricks as a border. Fill with a loose soil mixture of sand, ash, and loam. The dust bath will be used by such ground-dwelling birds as thrashers and sparrows to help clean and rid themselves of parasites.

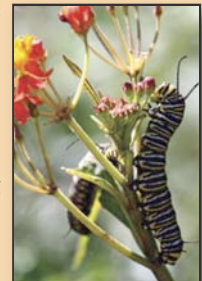
Nest Building Materials

Fill a suet feeder or a loosely woven net bag with scraps of yarn, string, or clean dryer lint.



Perches

Dead twigs and small snags provide birds with the open, exposed perches they need. Butterflies love tubular, nectar-bearing flowers but they also need flat flowers they can rest upon.



Slopes & Groundcovers

Birds search for insects among fallen leaves and groundcovers, such as creeping juniper, lantana, or rosemary. Provide more nooks and crevices for birds to forage in by creating artificial slopes.



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