

# Attracting Backyard Birds

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**Purpose:** *As a participant, you will be presented strategies on attracting birds to your backyard by using unique presentations and locations of food combinations and water sources, various types of feeders, staging devices, natural shelters, nesting sites, and plants and shrubs.*

## Backyard Bird Objectives and Strategies:



- View Birds
- Increased Knowledge of Birds
- Scientific Research and Study
- Photography and Scope

## Backyard Bird Environments:



- Know types of birds and plants in your yard
- Plants and Shrubs
- Food, Water, Shelter and Space
- Shelter and Nesting Sites

## Food for Backyard Birds:



- Complex garden structure
- Chemical-free environment
- Thick leaf litter or mulch

## Locations and Food Combinations:



**Types of Feeders** - Hopper, Tube, Thistle, Platform or Tray, Seed Blocks, Corn and Black Oiler, Suet Feeders, Nectar Feeder, Nectar Oriole Feeders, Nectar Protectors, Fruit, Ground and Tree Feeders, Caching Food - Creative Feeders

- Maintenance of Feeders
- Installation and Attachment Devices for Feeders

## Water Sources:



Drinking and Bathing  
Stream, spring, pond or lake  
Water Features, Dripper, Sprayer  
Staging Devices  
Water Pans and Bird Baths

## Winter Environment

### Space for Nesting and Raising Young



Natural Shelters  
Nesting Sites  
Raising Young

### Predators and Critters



### Plants and Shrubs Websites

**Google** "plants attracting (birds name)"

**Drought Tolerant Plant List.** Official Regulatory List for the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Prescott Active Management Area  
[http://www.cityofprescott.net/d/plant\\_list.pdf](http://www.cityofprescott.net/d/plant_list.pdf)

**Yavapai County lists of low water use plants** has 10 annuals, 3 biennials, 16 grasses, 74 perennials, 107 shrubs, 35 trees, and 5 vines.  
<http://ag.arizona.edu/yavapai/anr/hort/xeriscape/index.html>

### Nesting Sites and Shelters Websites

**Nest Boxes** and **Other Way to Attract Birds**, All About Birds, The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1144>

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1139>

### Presentation Notes: