

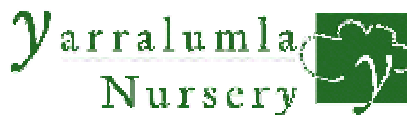
Attracting Local Birds to Your Garden

Everybody would like to enjoy our local birds within their own garden sanctuary, and this can be accomplished when selecting new plants for your native garden.

To attract a variety of birds you need to provide habitat as well as food. Small spiky groundcovers provide a safe haven for small wrens, and the addition of one or two eucalypts will keep the larger birds such as Eastern Rosellas, Crimson Rosellas, Cockatoos and King Parrots happy, and safe from feline predators.

Research indicates that planting large-flowering, nectar-rich non-indigenous plants will often attract nectar-feeding birds to the suburbs permanently. This reduces the amount of local birds that are pollinating local plants in the bush. To encourage birds to visit your garden whilst also keeping them in their bushland habitat, plant trees and shrubs that are indigenous to your area. This will allow birds to pollinate local bushland plants as well as visiting your garden to feed on (and pollinate) yours!

Some of the birds commonly found in the ACT are listed below:



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Seed and Fruit eaters

Eastern Rosella
King Parrot
Gang Gang
Silvereye
Crimson Rosella
Superb Fairy-wren
Common Bronzewing
Diamond Firetail
Crested Shrike-Tit

Nectar Eaters

Dusky Woodswallow
Eastern Spinebill
White-Plumed Honeyeater
White-Eared Honeyeater
Yellow-Faced Honeyeater
Silvereye

Insect Eaters

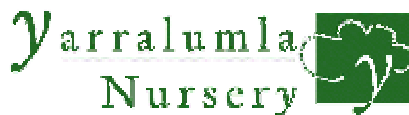
Maggie
White-Browed Scrubwren
Superb Fairy-wren
Yellow Thornbill
Yellow-Rumped Thornbill
Green Fan Tail
Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo
Brown Thornbill
Rufous Whistler
Willy Wag Tail
White-Plumed Honeyeater
White-Eared Honeyeater
Common Bronzewing
Striated Thornbill
Buff-Rumped Thornbill
Grey Shrike-Thrush
Yellow-Faced Honeyeater
Striated Pardalote
Silvereye
Speckled Warbler
Dusky Woodswallow
Red-capped Robin
Diamond Firetail
Hooded Robin
Crested Shrike-Tit
Restless Flycatcher
Jacky Winter
Eastern Yellow Robin
Painted Button-Quail

Environmentally Important Plants for Birds

The plants listed here have been chosen for their value to birds for food, shelter or nesting. Take a walk in your local bushland and look at the plants local to your area, these are a fantastic food and shelter source for our birds!

Selecting a range of species that produce flowers and seeds throughout the year will ensure a year round food supply. Design quiet areas where birds can feel safe away from backyard noises, create layers and clumps of vegetation for protection and nesting.

Some suggested Australian plants for our birds are:



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Food for Seed and Fruit eaters

Acacia species including;
A. dealbata, *A. howittii*, *A. implexa*
Banksia species including;
B. integrifolia, *B. marginata*, *B. spinulosa*
Bursaria *spinosa* – Prickly Box
Callitris *rhomboidea* – Port Jackson Pine
Casaurina *crisata* – Black Oak
Casuarina *cunninghamiana* – River She Oak
Correa *reflexa* – Native Fuchsia
Dianella species including;
D. revoluta, *D. tasmanica*

Epacris *impressa*
Eremophilla *maculata* – Spotted Emu Bush
Eucalyptus species
Lomandra species including;
L. longifolia, *L. hystrix*
Poa species such as;
P. labillardieri, *P. poiformis*, *P. seiberiana*
Leptospermum *lanigerum*
Melia *azedarach* var. *australasicus* – White Cedar
Stipa species – Rough Spear Grass
Themeda *australis* – Kangaroo Grass

Food for Nectar Eaters

Acacia *pycnantha* – Golden Wattle
Anigozanthus *flavidus* – Kangaroo Paw
Banksia species including;
B. ericifolia, *B. integrifolia*, *B. marginata*,
B. robur, *B. spinulosa*, *B. serrata*
Brachysema *celsianum* – Swan River Pea
Callistemon species including;
C. citrinus, *C. pallidus*, *C. viminalis*,
C. violaceus
Correa species including;
C. 'Dusky Bells', *C. lawrenciana*, *C. reflexa*
Epacris *impressa*
Epacris longifolia – Fuchsia Heath
Eremophila *glabra* – Dwarf Emu Bush
Eremophila maculata – Spotted Emu Bush

Eucalyptus species
Grevillea species including;
G. alpina, *G. arenaria*, *G. aspleniifolia*,
G. iaspicula, *G. juniperina*, *G. lavandulacea*
G. longifolia, *G. robusta*, *G. victoriae*
Hakea species including;
H. dactyloides, *H. eriantha*, *H. laurina*,
H. salicifolia
Kunzea *ambigua* – White Kunzea
Melaleuca species including;
M. armillaris, *M. decussata*, *M. fulgens*, *M. lateritia*, *M. squarrosa*
Melia *azedarach* var. *australasicus* – White Cedar
Leptospermum species including;
L. rotundifolium, *L. lanigerum*, *L. obovatum*
Telopea species including;
T. mongaensis, *T. oreades*



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Food for Insect Eaters

Acacia species including;

A. decurrens, *A. implexa*, *A. pycnantha*

Banksia *spinulosa* – Hairpin Banksia

Brachysema *celsianum* – Swan River Pea

Casuarina *cunninghamiana* – River She Oak

Eucalyptus species

Grevillea species including;

G. 'Bonfire', *G. juniperina*

Kunzea *ambigua* – White Kunzea

Leptospermum species

Prostanthera species including;

P. cuneata, *P. ovalifolia*, *P. rotundifolia*

Philotheca myoporoides

Plants for Shelter and Nesting

Acacia species including;

A. boormanii, *A. cultriformis*, *A. dealbata*,

A. decurrens, *A. genistifolia*, *A. howittii*,

A. pravissima, *A. siculiformis*, *A. triptera*

Banksia *serrata* – Old Man Banksia

Callistemon *citrinus* – Crimson Bottlebrush

Callitris *endlicheri* – Black Cypress Pine

Casuarina *cunninghamiana* – River She Oak

Correa species

Eucalyptus species

Grevillea species including;

G. arenaria, *G. asplenifolia*,

G. 'Bonfire', *G. juniperina*,

Hakea *decurrens* – Pink Lace Hakea

Kunzea *ambigua* – White Kunzea

Melaleuca species including;

M. armillaris, *M. lateritia*

Rhagodia *spinescens* – Salt Bush

Grass species including;

Poa sp, *Stipa* sp, *Themeda* sp., *Lomandra* sp.

Declining Bird Species in the A.C.T

Sadly, some of our local bird populations are in decline due to removal/destruction of habitat, predatory birds (including introduced bird species) and other predatory animals.

Most of the birds in this list are woodland species, we can help our feathered friends by revegetating cleared areas and planting trees and shrubs in our own gardens! Create shelter and nesting sites as well as providing food.

Some birds noted as being in decline are:

Rufus Whistler

Speckled Warbler

Dusky Woodswallow

Red-Capped Robin

Diamond Firetail

Hooded Robin

Crested Shrike-Tit

Restless Flycatcher

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