



# IS YOUR YARD BIRD FRIENDLY?



**Native plants are for the birds!**  
Does your yard include a wide variety of natives that provide:

- Early Summer Fruits
- Spring and Summer Seeds
- Fall Fruits
- Fall Nuts
- Fall Seeds
- Persistent Winter Fruits
- Cover & Shelter
- Hummingbird Nectar Plants
- Caterpillars!

**Does your design nurture nature? Things to consider:**

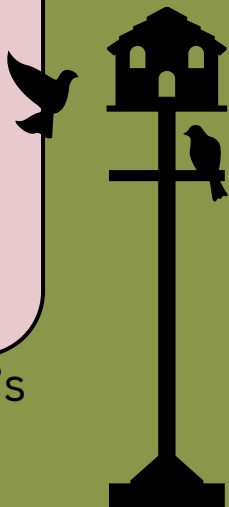
- Aim for at least 70% natives
- Plant in layers to mimic nature
- Include places for perching
- Create nesting opportunities
- Build a brush pile
- Create cover & reduce lawn /open areas
- Minimize artificial nighttime light
- Avoid creating traps with outdoor decorations

**Is your yard maintained with nature in mind? Do you:**

- Keep leaves on the property
- Leave plant stems standing
- Eliminate use of all pesticides (including herbicides & fungicides)
- Safely leave dead trees (snags)
- Minimize noise pollution
- Avoid tree trimming during nesting season

**Have you included supplemental supports like:**

- Bird baths & supplemental water sources (clean daily)
- Nesting boxes for birds, bats & owls where appropriate
- Bird feeders with quality seed, nuts & suet when resources are scarce
- Window decals to minimize bird strikes



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