

NATIVE PLANTS THAT CAN ATTRACT BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD



Native Arizona plants tend to use less water than plants from other areas AND they can attract Arizona's imperiled desert birds to your yard. Here is a basic list of plants that attract pollinators and have edible fruits or flowers for your backyard birds:

- Trees: Foothills Palo Verde, Ironwood, Mesquite, Desert Willow, Palo Brea
- Cacti and Similar Plants: Saguaro, Ocotillo, prickly pear varieties, various yucca and aloes
- Shrubs: Desert Hackberry, Saltbush, Fairy Duster, "Mormon Tea", elderberry
- Flowering Plants: Brittlebush, Ruellia, various Sages, chuparosa ("Hummingbird Bush")
- Flowers: Desert Marigold, Globe Mallow, various Penstemons
- Your Backyard Birds like brush or logs for shelter and foraging
- Pesticides and your Backyard Birds do not mix; birds and lizards will eat your yard's pests
- Leaf litter protects and nourishes the small critters



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