

6 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP BIRDS IN YOUR YARD



- ☑ Record how much water your yard uses and what it costs you, then consider replacing some of your higher water use plants with bird-friendly native desert plants that have seeds, fruits and flowers and use less water.
- ☑ Correct your drip watering system timer so plants are not over-watered.
- ☑ Contour your yard to channel rainfall to plants. Direct your roof downspouts toward plants or catch rainwater in a barrel for use in dry weather.
- ☑ Putting out bird seed so you can watch your backyard birds is fun! We recommend a couple of well-placed seed or suet feeders using native plants as attractors. To watch your hummingbirds, use a special feeder. For food, mix a sugar water solution (1 part sugar, 4 parts water). Just stir and dissolve the sugar. Change the food every few days if not finished.
- ☑ Remember, your backyard birds like brush or logs for shelter and foraging.
- ☑ Do not blow all your leaf litter away or rake too much. Leaf litter protects and nourishes the small critters that your backyard birds eat.



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