

WATER FEATURES FOR YOUR BACKYARD BIRDS



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Water is the biggest attractor of birds to your back yard.

“Water features” means artificial and managed bird baths or ponds but not swimming pools which are not bird-friendly with all that chlorine.

Bird baths are made of: durable resin, fiberglass, marble, ceramics, copper or brass, or formed cement. They can be affordably purchased or made to order with recyclable materials in your garage.

Maintenance: Keep the water in motion in your water feature using your drip irrigation system or a water agitator run either on solar or electric power. Clean the bird bath every so often with soap and water or a chlorine bleach, well rinsed and dumped appropriately.

Place your bird-friendly water feature on the round or on a pedestal away from feeders and in shade if possible.

Ponds are a little more elaborate but can be built from plans for as little as \$150.



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The SAS Building Our Bird Friendly Community Bookmark Series offers tips on how you, your family and your community can become more “bird friendly”. For all the bookmarks go to our website www.sonoranaudubon.org

- ☑ Arizona’s Backyard Birds that are Declining
- ☑ Native Plants for Your Backyard
- ☑ Pigeons Among Us
- ☑ Sonoran Audubon’s Speakers’ Bureau: Programs for Your Club or Community Meeting
- ☑ Six Simple Things You Can do to Help Birds in Your Yard
- ☑ Water Features for Your Backyard Birds