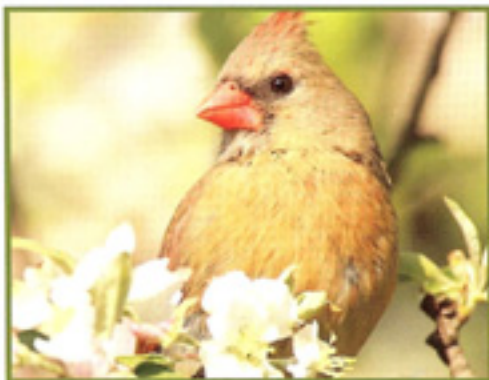


# Attracting Birds to your Backyard



It's amazing how many birds you can attract to your garden if you invite them with the right plants and shelter. And, when you have birds, you not only have the enjoyment of watching them, but you have less insects in the garden!

## Bring Birds with Berries

To bring birds to your backyard, plant as many of these berry-producing shrubs as possible:

- Barberry (*Berberis*)
- Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos*)
- Beautiberry (*Callicarpa*)
- Chokeberry (*Aronica*)
- Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster*)
- Firethorn (*Pyracantha*)
- Holly (*Ilex*)
- Oregon Grape Holly (*Mahonia*)
- Privet (*Ligustrum*)
- Rose (*Rosa*)
- Crabapple (*Malus*)
- Viburnum (*Viburnum*)

## Seduce Them with Seeds

Birds love seeds. Fill your garden with these favorites:

- Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*)
- Columbine (*Aquilegia*)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis*)
- Globe Thistle (*Echinops*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago*)
- Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*)
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis*)

## Finding A Spot For Your Feeders

To attract as many different types of birds as possible, use different feeders and scatter them throughout your garden. Be sure to place them in a protected area (away from strong winds). And, most birds will prefer a sunny location. Birds have many predators...including your cat. Place your feeder within 5 to 10 feet of protective cover so birds can seek shelter if needed.

## Provide Water

Birds seem to prefer birdbaths placed at ground level. Providing water, especially during winter can be a great benefit to your feathered friends. Arrange a few perches in the birdbath using small branches with stones so birds can perch and drink without getting wet in winter.