Bringing Birds to the Backyard Habitat

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Why attract birds to your yard?

- Most species are declining as natural habitats disappear - your yard can provide habitat connectivity
- Birds can assist with pollination and pest control

What do birds need?

- Cover/Shelter
- Nesting
- Food and Water

Plants, Plants, Plants

- Benefits of Natives

Unintended Consequences

- Increase risks to birds from predators and window-strikes
- Undesirable critters attracted by bird feeders
- Bird damage to home orchards and tender seedlings
References and Information Sites:

Bringing Birds to the Backyard Habitat: Presentation, References and Links:
- UCCE Central Sierra: http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology: https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/

Backyard Bird Problems: www.fws.gov/pacific/migratorybirds/backyard.html

- University of Maine Cooperative Extension: http://extension.umaine.edu
- National Audubon Society: https://www.audubon.org
- University of California Butterfly Site: http://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/
- Pollinator Partnership: http://pollinator.org
- Sherwood Demonstration Garden: http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Demonstration_Garden/
- UC Davis Arboretum: https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu
- CalFlora: http://www.calflora.org/
- Elderberry Farm Native Plant Nursery: https://sacvalleycnps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=110

Books:

California Native Landscape by Greg Rubin & Lucy Warren

Designing California Native Gardens by Glenn Keator, Alrie Middlebrook, & Phyllis M. Faber

Native Treasures, Gardening with the Plants of California by Nevin Smith

California Native Plants for the Garden by Carol Bornstein, David Fross, & Bart O'Brien

National Audubon Society: The Bird Garden, by Stephen W. Kress


Gardening for the Birds: How to Create a Bird-Friendly Backyard, by George Adams