

Attracting Birds to the Garden

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Birds need:

- ▶ Water - nectar, dew, rainfall, artificial water source
- ▶ Shelter - complex habitat needs
- ▶ Food - varied and can be highly specialised



Suggested shrub - *Hibbertia cuneiformis*

Commonly known as cut-leaf hibbertia, endemic to the south-west of WA. It grows to 1 - 2 metres tall.



Habitat/Shelter is a more complex need and should include:

- Nest sites
- Nest building materials
- Vantage or roosting points
- Protection from predators



Suggested shrub - *Kunzea baxteri*

Commonly known scarlet kunzea, is endemic to the south-west of WA where it occurs near granite outcrops and hills. It is popular as a garden feature.



Food needs are varied and sometimes highly specialised:

- ▶ Nectar feeders - honeyeaters and wattletails
- ▶ Insect eaters - robins, wrens, thornbills, wagtails & whistlers
- ▶ Seed eaters - pigeons, finches, parrots & cockatoos



Suggested shrub - *Melaleuca lateritia*

Commonly known as the robin redbreast bush and is endemic to the south-west of WA.



Food needs are varied and sometimes highly specialised:

- ▶ Predators - magpies, ravens, owls, raptors
- ▶ Omnivores - eat both meat and plants



Suggested shrub - *Calothamnus rupestris*

Commonly known as mouse ears or granite net-bush, is endemic to the south-west of WA.



A successful habitat garden needs

Biological & Structural diversity:

- ▶ Many different plant species
- ▶ Varied heights and forms
- ▶ Flowering in different seasons
- ▶ Different coloured flowers
- ▶ Nectar and seed producing plants
- ▶ Prickly plants
- ▶ Dead branches & stumps



Suggested shrub - *Beaufortia squarrosa*

Commonly known sand bottlebrush, is endemic to the south-west of WA.



Features to know about different plant groups:

- ▶ Red, green & orange flowers mostly attract birds
- ▶ White, yellow & blue flowers mostly attract insects



Suggested shrub - *Callistemon phoeniceus*

Commonly known as scarlet bottlebrush and endemic to the south-west of WA.



Suggested shrub - *Astartea scoparia*

Reaches 1.8 metres and produces white flowers. It grows in sandy-loamy soils along the coast of south-west of WA.



Features to know about different plant groups:

- ▶ Wattles & peas are mostly insect pollinated and are prolific seed producers
- ▶ Banksias, grevilleas and hakeas are mostly bird pollinated and have highly nutritious seed

Suggested shrub - *Diplolaena dampieri*

Endemic to the south-west of WA where it occurs on coastal limestone & dunes and granite rocks.



Features to know about different plant groups:

- ▶ Eucalypts, melaleucas, bottlebrushes produce copious amounts of nectar and are worked by both birds and insects
- ▶ Teatrees are mostly insect pollinated and are good sources of nesting materials



Suggested shrub - *Templetonia retusa*

Commonly known as cockies tongues grows in southern and south-western Australia. It grows up to 2 metres high.



Recommended plants for a bird friendly garden:

- ▶ Many different plant species
- ▶ Varied heights and forms
- ▶ Flowering in different seasons
- ▶ Different coloured flowers
- ▶ Nectar and seed producing plants
- ▶ Prickly plants
- ▶ Dead branches & stumps



Suggested shrub - *Acacia cochlearis*

Commonly known as the Rigid wattle, native to the coast from Esperance to the Mid West of WA.



For a bird friendly garden you need:

- ▶ variety of plant form and size
- ▶ offer multiple values to birds
- ▶ grow in range of different soil types
- ▶ can tolerate local conditions
- ▶ habit & form suitable for gardens
- ▶ interesting foliage and flowers



Suggested shrub - *Grevillea olivacea*

Commonly known as olive grevillea, endemic to the south-west of WA. It occurs in coastal areas up to Jurien.



Suggested species for bird-friendly Gardens

Large trees

- ▶ *Eucalyptus cornuta*
- ▶ *Eucalyptus megacarpa*
- ▶ *Eucalyptus rudis*
- ▶ *Corymbia calophylla*
- ▶ *Agonis flexuosa*

Suggested species for bird-friendly Gardens

Small trees

- ▶ Eucalyptus calcicola
- ▶ Eucalyptus angulosa
- ▶ Corymbia haematoxylon
- ▶ Melaleuca raphiophylla
- ▶ Melaleuca preissiana
- ▶ Melaleuca cuticularis
- ▶ Melaleuca lanceolata
- ▶ Paraserianthes lophanthus
- ▶ Hakea lasianthoides
- ▶ Hakea oleifolia
- ▶ Banksia littoralis
- ▶ Banksia attenuata
- ▶ Banksia grandis
- ▶ Taxandria juniperina
- ▶ Callistachys lanceolata
- ▶ Allocasuarina frazeriana
- ▶ Acacia saligna

Suggested species for bird-friendly Gardens

Large shrubs

- ▶ Callistemon phoeniceus
- ▶ Acacia cyclops
- ▶ Acacia cochlearis
- ▶ Acacia littorea
- ▶ Grevillea olivacea
- ▶ Grevillea vestita
- ▶ Grevillea manglesioides
- ▶ Calothamnus quadrifidus
- ▶ Calothamnus rupestris
- ▶ Calothamnus graniticus
- ▶ Astartea scoparia
- ▶ Taxandria linearifolia
- ▶ Taxandria fragrans
- ▶ Taxandria parviceps
- ▶ Melaleuca incana
- ▶ Melaleuca teretifolia
- ▶ Melaleuca lateritia
- ▶ Melaleuca viminea
- ▶ Melaleuca huegelii
- ▶ Melaleuca o'sullivanii
- ▶ Melaleuca lateriflora
- ▶ Templetonia retusa
- ▶ Beaufortia sparsa
- ▶ Beaufortia squarrosa
- ▶ Kunzea baxteri
- ▶ Diplolaena dampieri
- ▶ Hibbertia cuneiformis

Suggested species for bird-friendly Gardens

Small shrubs/climbers/groundcovers

- ▶ *Kennedia prostrata*
- ▶ *Kennedia lateritia*
- ▶ *Hardenbergia comptoniana*
- ▶ *Acacia lasiocarpa*
- ▶ *Rhagodia baccata*
- ▶ *Eremophila glabra*
- ▶ *Enchylaena tomentosa*
- ▶ *Billardiera fusiformis*
- ▶ *Anigozanthus flavidus*
- ▶ *Adenanthos meisneri*
- ▶ *Hemiandra pungens*
- ▶ *Calothamnus sanguineus*
- ▶ *Calothamnus lateralis*
- ▶ *Lobelia anceps/alata*
- ▶ *Westringia dampieri*