



20 Bird-Attractive Plants

In designing a garden for birds, you'll want to include dense planting and a number of layers to provide food, shelter and nesting materials for many types of birds. Don't forget grasses, a valuable food supply for seed-eaters, and a supply of clean water at all times.

Plant	Provides	Birds	Notes
<i>Acacia decurrens</i> , <i>A. boormannii</i> , etc. Wattles	seed, nectar, insects	pigeons, parrots, cockatoos, rosellas, thornbills, babbler	shrubs to trees, prostrate forms also available
<i>Acmena smithii</i> , <i>Syzygium luehmannii</i> , etc. Lillypillies	nectar, fruit	honeyeaters, lorikeets, silvereyes, fruit doves, pigeons, parrots	adaptable trees or shrubs
<i>Angophora hispida</i>	nectar, insects	honeyeaters, wattlebirds, bees, insect-eaters	large shrub flowers winter-summer
<i>Anigozanthos flavidus</i> & hybrids Kangaroo Paws	nectar	honeyeaters, spinebills, wattlebirds	clumping plant, many colours available
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> , <i>B. ericifolia</i> , <i>B. integrifolia</i> , etc.	nectar, insects, shelter, fruits	lorikeets, honeyeaters, wattlebirds, silvereyes, wrens, Eastern rosellas	shrubs to trees, choose to cover a long flowering period
<i>Callistemon</i> species & cultivars Bottlebrushes	nectar, shelter	honeyeaters, small birds	shrubs to trees, red, pink, white, purple
<i>Callitris</i> species Native Cypress	hard fruits, insects, nesting	cockatoos, rosellas, mallee ring-necks, whistlers, robins, silvereyes, finches, wattlebirds	conifers - large shrubs or trees
<i>Casuarina</i> and <i>Allocasuarina</i> species She-Oaks	fruit, seed, insects, nesting	cockatoos, lorikeets, finches, silvereyes, thornbills, Willie Wag-tails, robins, butcherbirds	very adaptable trees
<i>Clematis aristata</i>	nesting, nesting materials	small birds, including finches	climber with fluffy white flowers
<i>Correa reflexa</i> , <i>C. 'Dusky Bells'</i> , etc. Native Fuchsia	nectar	small honeyeaters, spinebills	small shrubs with bell-shaped flowers, mainly in autumn
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i> Blueberry Ash	blue berries	cockatoos, parrots, currawongs	white or pink flowered tree
<i>Eremophila</i> species Emu Bushes	nectar, fruit	honeyeaters, silvereyes, emus	small to medium long-flowering shrubs
<i>Eucalyptus</i> 'Summer Red', Summer Beauty, etc.	nectar, seeds	honeyeaters, cockatoos, rosellas, thornbills, pardalotes	GRAFTED small trees with stunning flowers
<i>Grevillea</i> - many!!!	nectar, shelter, fruits, insects	honeyeaters, spinebills, wattlebirds, parrots, rosellas, silvereyes	groundcovers, small shrubs to large trees
<i>Hakea sericea</i>	fruits, shelter, nesting site	cockatoos, small honeyeaters, thornbills, finches	prickly shrub
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i> Native Frangipanni	nectar, insects	honeyeaters, insect eaters, also bees and butterflies	slender tree with scented flowers
<i>Lambertia formosa</i> Mountain Devil	nectar	honeyeaters, rosellas	very long-flowering medium-sized shrub
<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i> & cultivars Tea Trees	insects, shelter	insectivorous birds	low to tall shrubs
<i>Melaleuca quinquinervia</i> , etc. Paper-barks	nectar, blossom, insects	honeyeaters, lorikeets, insect-eating birds	trees and large shrubs
<i>Xanthorrhoea</i> species Grass Trees	nectar, seed, insects	honeyeaters, lorikeets, rosellas, insect-eating birds	spectacular clumping plant