

## Attracting local birds to your garden

### Environmentally important plants for birds

The plants listed here have been chosen for their value to birds for food, shelter or nesting. Take a walk in your local bushland and look at the plants local to your area, these are a fantastic food and shelter source for our birds!

Selecting a range of species that produce flowers and seeds throughout the year will ensure a year round food supply. Design quiet areas where birds can feel safe away from backyard noises, create layers and clumps of vegetation for protection and nesting.

### Some suggested Australian plants for our birds are:

#### Food for Seed and Fruit eaters:

1. **Acacia** species including; *A. dealbata*, *A. howittii*, *A. implexa*
2. **Banksia** species including; *B. integrifolia*, *B. marginata*, *B. spinulosa*
3. **Bursaria spinosa** – Prickly Box
4. **Callitris rhomboidea** – Port Jackson Pine
5. **Casaurina crisata** – Black Oak
6. **Casuarina cunninghamiana** – River She Oak
7. **Correa reflexa** – Native Fuchsia
8. **Dianella** species including; *D. revoluta*, *D. tasmanica*
9. **Epacris impressa**
10. **Eremophilla maculata** – Spotted Emu Bush
11. **Eucalyptus** species
12. **Lomandra** species including: *L. longifolia*, *L. hystrix*
13. **Poa** species such as; *P. labillardieri*, *P. poiformis*, *P. seiberiana*
14. **Leptospermum lanigerum**
15. **Melia azedarach** var. *australasicus* – White Cedar
16. **Stipa** species – Rough Spear Grass
17. **Themeda australis** – Kangaroo Grass

## Food for nectar eaters:

1. **Acacia pycnantha** – Golden Wattle
2. **Anigozanthus flavidus** – Kangaroo Paw
3. **Banksia** species including; *B. ericifolia*, *B. integrifolia*, *B. marginata*, *B. robur*, *B. spinulosa*, *B. serrata*
4. **Brachysema celsianum** – Swan River Pea
5. **Callistemon** species including; *C. citrinus*, *C. pallidus*, *C. viminalis*, *C. violaceus*
6. **Correa** species including; *C. 'Dusky Bells'*, *C. lawrenciana*, *C. reflexa*
7. **Epacris impressa**, **Epacris longifolia** – Fuchsia Heath
8. **Eremophila glabra** – Dwarf Emu Bush *Eremophila maculata* – Spotted Emu Bush
9. **Eucalyptus** species
10. **Grevillea** species including; *G. alpina*, *G. arenaria*, *G. aspleniifolia*, *G. iaspicula*, *G. juniperina*, *G. lavandulacea*, *G. longifolia*, *G. robusta*, *G. victoriae*
11. **Hakea** species including: *H. dactyloides*, *H. eriantha*, *H. laurina*, *H. salicifolia*
12. **Kunzea ambigua** – White Kunzea
13. **Melaleuca** species including; *M. armillaris*, *M. decussata*, *M. fulgens*, *M. lateritia*, *M. squarrosa*
14. **Melia azedarach** var. *australasicus* – White Cedar
15. **Leptospermum** species including: *L. rotundifolium*, *L. lanigerum*, *L. obovatum*
16. **Telopea** species including; *T. mongaensis*, *T. oreades*

## Plants for shelter and nesting

1. **Acacia** species including; *A. boormanii*, *A. cultriformis*, *A. dealbata*, *A. decurrens*, *A. genistifolia*, *A. howittii*, *A. pravissima*, *A. siculiformis*, *A. triptera*
2. **Banksia serrata** – Old Man Banksia
3. **Callistemon citrinus** – Crimson Bottlebrush
4. **Callitris endlicheri** – Black Cypress Pine
5. **Casuarina cunninghamiana** – River She Oak
6. **Correa** species



7. ***Eucalyptus*** species
8. ***Grevillea*** species including; *G. arenaria*, *G. asplenifolia*, *G. 'Bonfire'*, *G. juniperina*,
9. ***Hakea decurrens*** – Pink Lace Hakea
10. ***Kunzea ambigua*** – White Kunzea
11. ***Melaleuca*** species including; *M. armillaris*, *M. lateritia*
12. ***Rhagodia spinescens*** – Salt Bush
13. **Grass** species including;
14. ***Poa*** species, *P Stipa* sp, *P Themeda* sp, *P Lomandra* sp.

## Declining Bird Species in the A.C.T

Sadly, some of our local bird populations are in decline due to removal/destruction of habitat, predatory birds (including introduced bird species) and other predatory animals.

Most of the birds in this list are woodland species; we can help our feathered friends by revegetating cleared areas and planting trees and shrubs in our own gardens! Create shelter and nesting sites as well as providing food.

### Some birds noted as being in decline are:

- Rufus Whistler
- Speckled Warbler
- Dusky Woodswallow
- Red-Capped Robin
- Diamond Firetail
- Hooded Robin
- Crested Shrike-Tit
- Restless Flycatcher
- Jacky Winter
- Eastern Yellow Robin
- Painted Button-Quail

