**FYN Principle #5: Attract Wildlife**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Florida Yards & Neighborhoods principle #5: attract wildlife.

We’re lucky in Florida to have incredibly diverse wildlife, but natural habitat areas are diminishing. Homeowners can help by creating a welcoming environment for our wild friends.

Wildlife need food, water, cover, and space. Add trees and plants that bear fruit and seed in your landscape. Plant foliage and flowers for butterflies, birds, and bees. Native plants can be a good source of food for animals and insects.

If you don’t have a natural water source, consider building a small pond or placing a birdbath in your landscape.

Researching what kinds of birds nest in your area, and purchase or build them a home.

Protect your wildlife visitors by limiting pesticide use, or using the least toxic products available.

For more information on Florida Yards & Neighborhoods, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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