**Gardening for the Birds**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: gardening for the birds.

Birds are beautiful, fascinating creatures whose songs can delight and inspire, and it’s easy to attract lots of different kinds of birds to your landscape.

Plant trees and dense shrubs that can provide nesting areas and shelter when storms or predators threaten our winged friends.

Provide food for birds by planting species with berries, seeds, and fruits and filling your bird feeders with high quality seed.

Make sure your bird feeders protect the seed from rain, minimize spillage, and are easy to see from the air. And keep them at least fifteen feet away from vegetation to thwart cats and creative, determined squirrels.

If you can, always try to have a clean source of water for birds to drink from and bathe in.

For more information about gardening for wildlife and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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