Birdbaths

Today on Gardening in a Minute: birdbaths.

Birdbaths are a great way to attract feathered friends to your garden.

Select a shallow basin that has a rough surface so birds will have sure footing. You can choose either a ground-level or a pedestal-style basin.

Ground-level basins mimic natural water sources but can leave birds at risk. Place the basin away from shrubs, since predators can hide there. The best spot is near a tree, so that birds can make a quick getaway.

Place your birdbath near a garden hose so it’s easy to fill. Every ten days or so, scrub the basin with a bleach solution. Dirty birdbaths can spread lethal diseases among birds.

The sound of moving water attracts birds, so add some to give birds extra incentive to visit.

For more information about bird baths and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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