



Conserving Water

Solutions for Your Landscape

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Provide Water to Wildlife

Drought isn't just tough on people. It can be stressful for animals, too. Do your part to help wildlife survive a drought by creating a water feature. Even a small amount of water can help animals out a great deal.

Birdbaths are an easy way to add a water feature to your landscape. They should be shallow, with textured bottoms and gently sloped sides. Keep them clean of algae with a plain textured sponge.

For a butterfly watering station, bury a saucer filled with pine bark or small stones, adding water to overflowing. Occasionally adding a piece of overripe fruit will provide salts and amino acids that butterflies need.

Small in-ground ponds or tub gardens don't take that much water and can attract a variety of wildlife. Incorporate a filter and plants and see who comes to the watering hole.

If you're worried about mosquitoes breeding in your water, just purchase some *Gambusia* fish, which feed on the larvae. You can also add the bacteria B.t. if your fish aren't doing the job.

This public service announcement is brought to you by Gardening in a Minute. For more information about drought, visit Gardening in a Minute dot com or contact your University of Florida/IFAS county Extension office.

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