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White-browed Scrubwren with spider

Birds need protein, particularly during breeding. Spiders, insects, bugs, caterpillars are food in a “messy” garden.



AC

Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Yellow Buttons

Daisies, hardy groundcovers, rocks provide interest and a home for mobile food in gardens; sun.



JD

Melaleuca salicina
White or Willow Bottlebrush

Upright tree to 10m; white flowers in spring plus flaky bark attract insects; hardy; sun.



JD

Syzygium australe
Brush Cherry

Insects attack bright pink fruit, birds attack insects. Many Syzygium species and cultivars are available.



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Hunting ground for Shining Bronze-Cuckoo

Leaf litter and rotting timber hide food for birds; feature these in your garden.

- ✦ **Choose local native plants:** many native plants are bird-attracting and are adapted to your local conditions.
- ✦ **Plant in layers:** ground covers, shrubs and trees provide food and shelter for birds.
- ✦ **Plant densely:** add some prickly plants to attract and protect small birds.
- ✦ **Plant for year-round food:** consider when plants flower and fruit; include insect-attracting plants.
- ✦ **Avoid pesticides and baits:** these poisons access the food chain killing food sources for birds.
- ✦ **Provide water:** birds need a safe, clean, cool water source to drink and bathe; shallow containers suit smaller birds.
- ✦ **Think about bird safety:** not all animals, even much-loved family pets, are bird-friendly.
- ✦ **Think creatively:** if your space is small, plant in pots, hanging baskets or on a trellis.
- ✦ **Create instant homes:** provide a bird box, a native beehive, old bricks or logs for insect homes.

Suggested Links:

- GroNATIVE: free app from Google Play and iTunes
- Backyard Buddies: www.backyardbuddies.org.au
- Birds in Backyards: www.birdsinbackyards.net
- Birds Queensland: www.birdsqueensland.org.au

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Native Plants for Native Birds



Plants for Nectar



AC

Banksia aemula
Wallum Banksia

Small tree to 8m, serrated leaves, attractive knobby bark, cream flower spikes winter/spring; full sun.



JD

Grevillea rosmarinifolia
'Scarlet Sprite'

Dense mounded shrub, 1m; scarlet flowers all year, prickly foliage for bird habitat; hardy; full sun.



PB

Melaleuca (Callistemon) spp.
Bottlebrushes

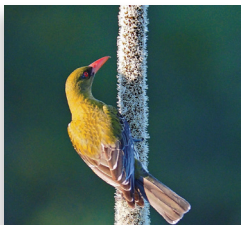
All bottlebrushes attract honeyeaters, mainly spring flowering; many shapes, sizes to suit any garden; sun.



AC

Syzygium wilsonii
Powderpuff Lilly Pilly

Shrub 2-4m, large cyclamen flowers spring, early summer, colourful new growth; sun/part shade.



PB

Xanthorrhoea spp.
Grass Trees

Feature plants; multiple graceful narrow leaves, tall flower spikes winter/spring; moderately fast growth; sun.

Plants for Seed



AC

Acacia complanata
Flat-stemmed Wattle

Arching, open shrub, yellow flowers late spring/summer; sun. All wattles provide seeds for birds.



AC

Banksia robur
Swamp Banksia

Large, multi-stemmed shrub to 3.5m, flowers green to cream spring/summer; most soils; sun. Attracts Black Cockatoos.



AC

Casuarina spp.
She-oaks

Corellas and cockatoos harvest seed from globular woody fruit of Casuarina and Callitris species; sun.



AC

Leptospermum liversidgei
Swamp May

Small leaves, white flowers spring, valved woody fruit, fine seeds. All Tea Trees have similar fruit; sun.



JD

Themeda triandra
Kangaroo Grass

Clumping habit, green-bronze seed heads. Grasses provide food/shelter for small birds. Open, sunny areas.

Plants for Fruit



PB

Archontophoenix cunninghamiana
Tall Solitary Feather Palm

Masses bright red fruit in summer attract pigeons, orioles and others; moist soils; part shade.



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Austromyrtus dulcis
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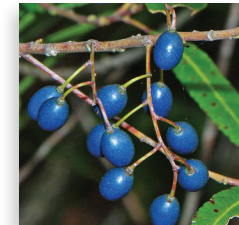
Low, sprawling shrub, white flowers, speckled edible fruit, new leaves reddish; prune to shape; adaptable.



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Cordyline rubra
Red-fruited Palm Lily

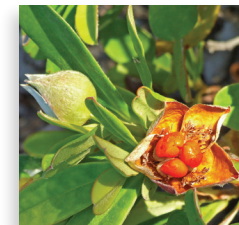
Narrow, upright growth to 4m, purplish flowers spring, red fruit; part shade, rainforest understorey.



AC

Elaeocarpus reticulatus
Blueberry Ash

Shade tree to 8m, masses tubular, white or pink fringed flowers summer; dark blue fruit; moist soils.



AC

Hibbertia scandens
Twining Guinea Flower

Vine, stems to 3m, large yellow flowers summer, seeds with orange flesh; coastal and forest soils; adaptable.