Create a bird-friendly
Backyard

Your backyard can attract a range of bird species, including honeyeaters, parrots, and magpies. Creating a bird-friendly backyard helps support local wildlife and brings vibrant birdlife closer to home. Follow these steps to create a safe and welcoming habitat for them.

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1. Chose the right plants

- Native flowering plants: Include grevilleas, banksias, and bottlebrushes to provide nectar for birds.
- Fruit and seed-producing plants: Add wattles, eucalyptus, and grasses for food sources.
- Dense shrubs and trees: Create safe nesting and roosting areas with species like tea trees and she-oaks.

2. Provide water

- Birdbaths: Place a shallow birdbath in a shady, elevated spot. Clean and refill it regularly with fresh water.
- Natural water features: Install a pond or small fountain with gently sloping edges to attract more species.

3. Shelter

- Nesting boxes: Install boxes designed for local bird species, place them away from predators.
- Hedges and shrubs: Use native bushes for additional shelter and nesting spots.

4. Add food sources

- Natural food: Avoid artificial feeding. Instead, grow plants that provide nectar, seeds, or fruit.
- Encourage insects: Insects like beetles and moths are a natural food source for many birds.

King Parrot

5. Safety

- Keep cats indoors: Cats are a major threat to birds. Encourage neighbours to do the same.
- Avoid reflective surfaces: Reduce window collisions by applying decals or placing feeders further away from windows.
- Watch for hazards: Use bird-friendly netting, sticky traps, and other dangers.

6. Monitor and Enjoy

- Observe respectfully: Watch birds from a distance to avoid disturbing them.
- Keep observing: Note which species visit your backyard.

iNaturalist is a citizen science platform that helps users record and share observations of biodiversity. It allows you to contribute to valuable scientific data while learning more about local species. Simply take a photo of flora, or wildlife in your backyard, upload it to the app, and the community will help identify it. Using iNaturalist is an excellent way to track your backyard visitors and support conservation efforts.