



Dear Participants,

Thank you for participating in Randwick's Eco Living Festival 'Joy of Birds in your garden and how to attract them' talk. Here are some links for you on habitat creation, plant species, and citizen science projects you could be involved in. I hope they are helpful.

Spring is a perfect time to plant, and it is exciting to think that soon there will be lots of your thriving new patches of healthy habitat and you will have so much joy from the return of birds, tiny insects and lizards - maybe even frogs. Your home patch might make the difference to the long-term local survival of small species like Superb Fairy-wrens, New Holland Honeyeaters, Willie Wagtails, and may help migratory birds survive their long journeys.

Happy habitat creation!

Best regards

Renée

Creating habitat for small birds (which helps pollinators and other native wildlife too!!)

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/Your-Garden-How-make-it-safe-haven-birds>

Includes species list by Council area (LGA), design tips and video clips on select plant species.

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/Guidelines-Creating-Bird-Habitats>

An introduction to creating small bird habitat

<https://www.habitatnetwork.org/resources.htm>

Australian garden habitats for small Aussie birds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9yT69dNfKs>

The importance of weeds till alternative habitat grows!

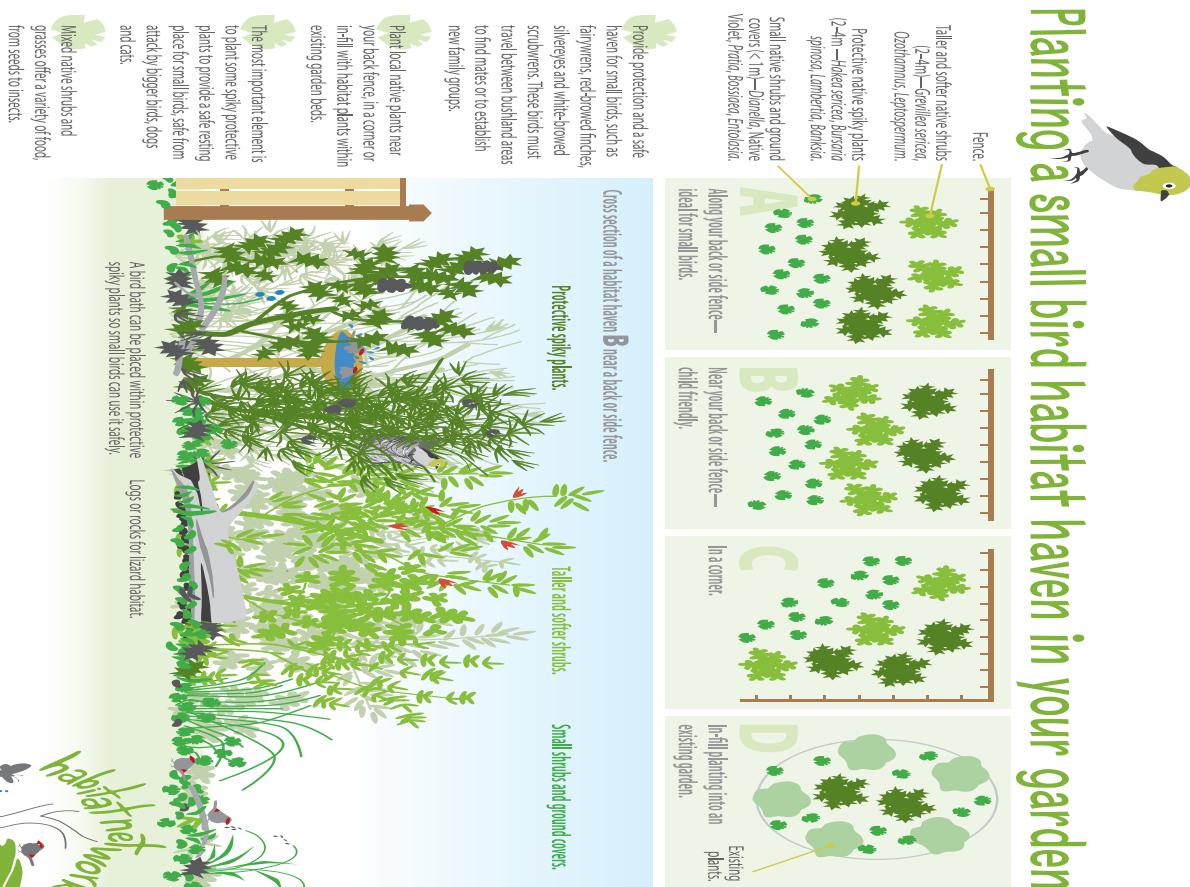
<https://www.habitatnetwork.org/Look%20and%20listen%202.pdf>

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Where to buy our endemic plants (including small tubestock - the best and most economical way to plant)

Randwick Community Nursery

<https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability/randwick-community-nursery>

2B Barker St, Kingsford

Indigigrow

<https://www.indigigrow.com.au/>

La Perouse Public School, Corner of Bunnerong Road & Yarra Road

Inspiring others

Perhaps you have interested family, friends, neighbours who you could share your love of birds, pollinators and other wildlife with, and you may enjoy surveying or creating habitat corridors together, therefore multiplying the positive impact they would then inspire others and so on ... wonderful changes would result!

Short videos and articles on the fascinating behaviour of Superb Fairy-wrens

Superb Fairy-wrens including nesting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GT605IrXug>

Nest building and feeding chicks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umilTYjDgE>

Note only the female brings nest materials, then the male brings food for the chicks

Chicks learn calls while in the egg!

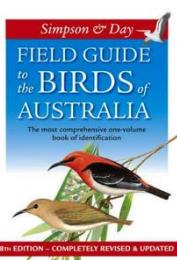
<https://scitechdaily.com/eggs-of-superb-fairy-wren-learn-before-hatching/>

and for others please see the **BIBY TV** you tube channel.

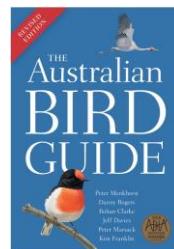
Identification resources

Birds in Backyards website www.birdsinbackyards.net Go to the 'bird finder' section.

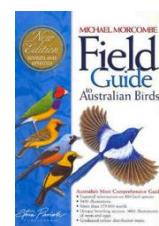
Field Guides (there are many more)



Field Guide to the Birds of Australia
Ken Simpson, Nicolas Day



The Australian Bird Guide
CSIRO



Field Guide to Australian Birds
Michael Morcombe

Apps

<http://australianmuseum.net.au> Field Guide to NSW Fauna **free**

Aussie Backyard Birdcount Field Guide <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/> **free**

Pizzey and Knight Birds of Australia Digital Edition

The Michael Morcombe and David Stewart eGuide to the Birds of Australia

Webcams

White-bellied Sea-eagle nesting on webcam! You can watch live or see highlights on the Community facebook page. Two chicks hatched this year and will hopefully fly any day now!

<https://www.facebook.com/Sea.EagleCAM/>

Peregrine Falcons nesting on a building in Melbourne

<https://367collins.mirvac.com/workplace/building-overview/falcons-at-367-collins>

Citizen Science Projects

Birddata surveys

<https://birddata.birdlife.org.au/> Your observations could help research! It's especially good if you choose a couple of regular places and survey over years. If you plant healthy habitat you might also be able to record changes as more species use it.

Hollows as Homes

<https://www.rbpsyd.nsw.gov.au/hollows-as-homes/hollows-as-homes>

So many hollow trees have been lost, but so much of our wildlife depends on them! This project ask you to monitor any hollows - and has an excellent website too.

Plants

Flora for Fauna

<http://www.floraforfauna.com.au/>

Birdwalks

(please note, most walks have been postponed due to Coronavirus. Please check websites.)

Free birdwalk at the BirdLife Discovery Centre at Newington Armory, last Sunday of the month from 10am.

<http://birdlife.org.au/visit-us/discovery-centre>

Birding NSW and CBOC Cumberland Bird Observers' Club have frequent outings for adults, and a 'Nestlings' birdwalk 4 times per year for kids 5-12 (accompanied).

Tempe Birdos have a birdwalk 2nd Saturday of each month

<https://www.facebook.com/TempeBirdos/>

Retaining existing habitat

Unfortunately there are constant challenges to existing habitat, whether it's whole backyards being cleared in a house renovation or rebuild, or small inner urban remnants, or vast development areas on the outer fringes.

Helping protect them is vital, especially with so much having been destroyed in the fires.

If you're planning to rebuild or renovate, please retain as much of your vegetation as possible.

Being aware of what's planned and making submissions or writing letters to retain some habitat rather than clearing the whole site, can make a difference.

At a local scale there is a website where you can find any development applications near you

<https://www.planningalerts.org.au/>

Supporting organisations like BirdLife Australia, ACF Australian Conservation Foundation, Total Environment Centre, Nature Conservation Council ... can help with positive environmental action at a larger scale. Fifty-seven organisations are working together to gain government agreement for new environmental laws. <http://www.placesyoulove.org/>