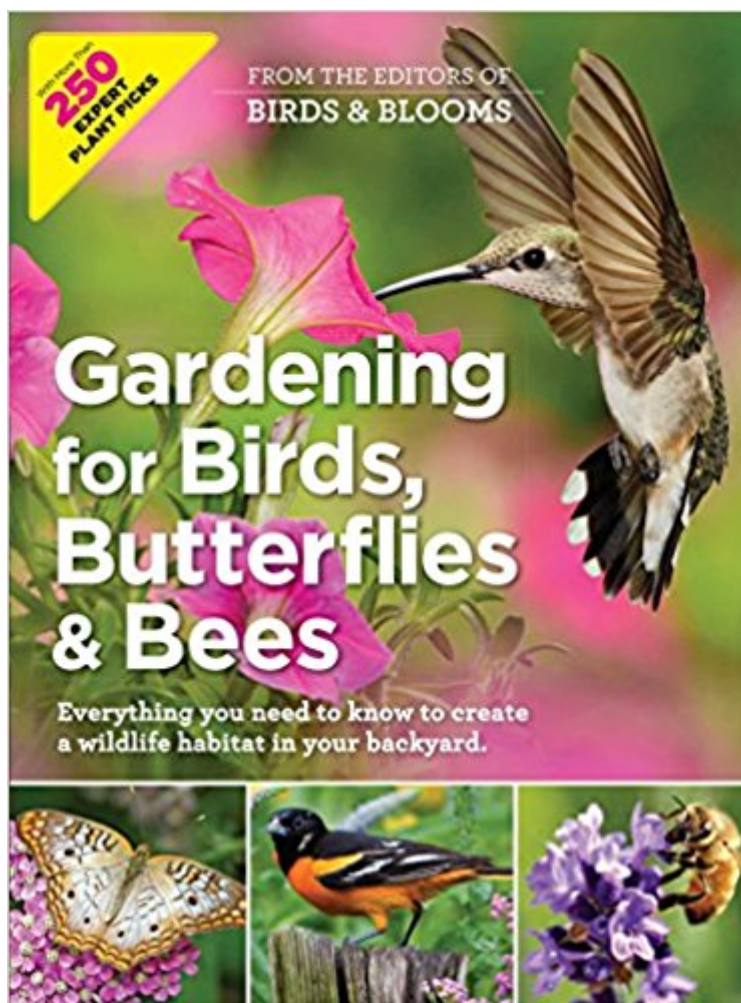


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# Gardening For Birds, Butterflies, And Bees: Everything You Need To Know To Create A Wildlife Habitat In Your Backyard



## Synopsis

Whether you're installing a new garden bed or trying to attract orioles for the first time, it helps to start with the right information. And here it is! In this book, experts and readers from North America's #1 Bird and Garden Magazine, *Birds & Blooms*, give their tried-and-true advice. Attracting birds and butterflies has never been simpler • plus you'll get the latest tips and advice for supporting the dwindling bee population, which experts say is essential for the future of gardening. Inside this book, you'll find irresistible plants for birds, butterflies, and bees, creative garden designs for year-round beauty, and our top plant lists to take the guesswork out of gardening. No matter what the subject, everyone wants advice they can trust. This is certainly the case when it comes to the backyard. Whether you're installing a new garden bed or trying to attract orioles for the first time, it helps to start with the right information. And here it is! Birds, butterflies and bees rely on plants, trees and shrubs to survive and thrive. That's why doing your part for the environment by establishing critter-friendly areas in your own backyard is so crucial. Chances are, your garden is already a welcoming space for all kinds of nature, but with a little extra research and planning, you can take your gardening a couple steps further and transform your yard into a healthier and happier sanctuary for birds, butterflies and bees.

This book, brought to you by the editors of *Birds & Blooms* magazine, can serve as your guide to attracting new visitors to your landscape. *Birds & Blooms* has helped lead the trend we like to call “gardening with a purpose” for over 20 years. We've always recognized the importance of going beyond just the beauty of a garden, and purposefully choosing flowers, trees and shrubs specifically for their environmental benefits. Birds count on healthy trees and plants as natural food sources and nesting sites. Butterflies need nectar-rich blooms for nourishment. Very specific host plants are key to caterpillar survival. And as bee populations decline, flowers that provide nectar and pollen are more essential than ever. Each of these creatures requires natural shelter as well, which trees and shrubs readily provide.

If you're ready to commit to sharing your garden with all sorts of nature, sit down with this book and let us help you create a successful space. All of the 250+ featured plants are not only gorgeous and colorful, but they offer a lot of environmental benefits, too. We made sure to include amazing photos of every plant we're recommending, so you'll be able to see what each plant looks like and immediately know if it's a good fit for your garden. We even went a step further and put together some handy symbols to help you achieve the

wildlife-friendly backyard of your dreams. Look for the symbols next to each plant profile to discover what the plant will attract. (Some plants are a triple whammy and attract birds, butterflies and bees!) For extra guidance, check the light-requirement symbols. You'll be able to quickly see if a plant should be grown in shade, part-shade or full sun – vital info you need to know to create a great habitat. Once you've established a flourishing backyard, be sure to enjoy your new guests. Throughout this book, we've highlighted about 70 bird species and 35 butterfly species you might see in your space. Have fun identifying all of the birds, butterflies and bees in your own backyard!

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This book is wonderful. Not only are the pictures lovely, but the information given about the flowers, birds and butterflies is very informative. I have already given one additional copy to a friend and will be ordering another.

What's not to love? I have looked at this book over and over. Loaned it to my mom and she just loved it. It's now on loan to an 84 yr. young lady who loves flowers, birds and gardening. She was

very excited to get started looking and reading. Excellent!

This book really helped me get a well balanced and attractive garden started in the back yard. Well presented, comprehensive information and great photos.

The info looks good but I will have to wait until next year to learn to pick and choose for my area.

The book is very useful-great information on flowers, shrubs and trees that will attract different types of birds and butterflies.

Nice

Really enjoyed it, but I wish there were more care instructions for the plants, and more native plants.

Beautiful book and it is like new. Very good reading and gorgeous pictures.

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