



Parks and Landscape Services Division

Attracting birds to your garden

A mini-wood and hedgerow will attract many species of bird. These areas can be supplemented with plenty of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants that have an abundance of seeds and berries.

Excellent native plants that produce berries and fruit include Rowan, Ivy, Dogrose, Sweet briar, Honeysuckle, Bramble, Bird cherry, Guelder rose, Holly, Hawthorn, Teasel, Common knapweed, Meadowsweet, Lesser burdock and Common bird's foot trefoil. Non-natives include Cotoneaster, Pyracantha, Buddleia, June berry, Quince, Evening primrose, Sunflower, Michaelmas daisies, Honesty and Snapdragon.

Bird boxes should be positioned on walls in mid-winter. They should face North, East, North-East or South-East away from direct sunshine and the prevailing winds.

A bird table sited near shelter will provide food in the winter. Suitable food includes unsalted peanuts, cheese, cooked potato, suet, coconut, raisins, wholemeal moistened bread, wild bird seed, oatmeal, apples, cake, fat, mixed nuts, currants, bones, biscuits and meat scraps.

Create a pond or provide a water bath away from the reach of a cat's paw!

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