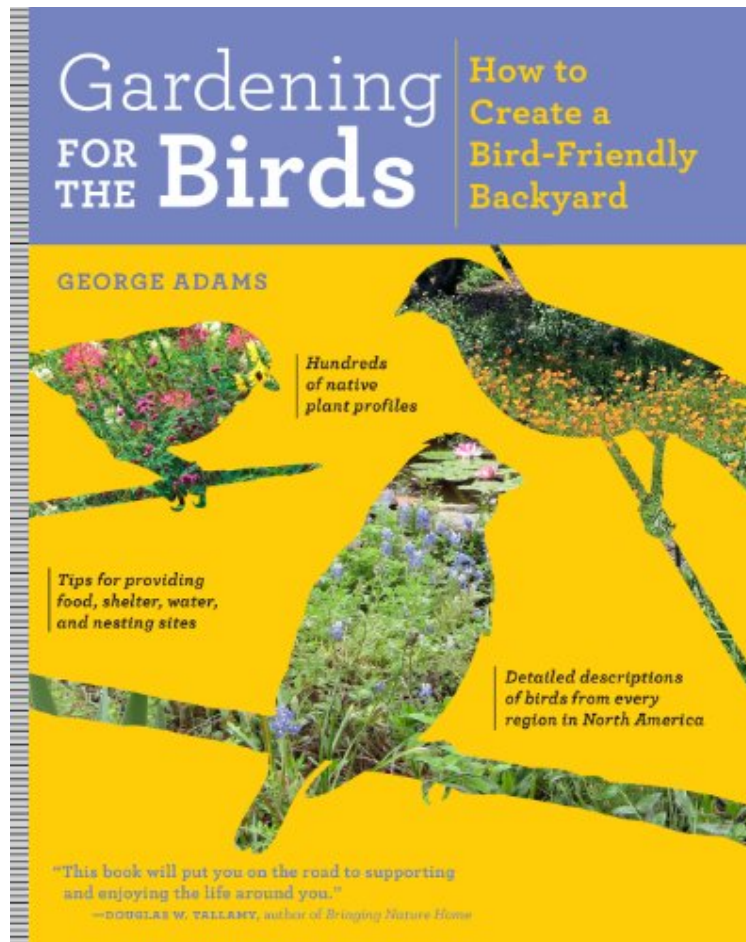


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AmotdThis book has great information about why you should want to attract birds (and insects) to your garden and how to attract them. It has a 100 page plus plant directory discussing where individual plants are native, which conditions they prefer and which birds they attract. Then, the bird directory, which is also over 100 pages, has illustrations, photographs and information on habitat, range, breeding behavior, nesting and feeding habits of North American birds that you can attract to your garden. Even with the good reviews, this book pleasantly surprised me.

An engaging and inspiring comprehensive guide. Booklist A great benefit of creating a bird-friendly landscape is enjoying your garden while watching a bluebird dropping in for a worm in a freshly dug patch, a phoebe snapping at insects, or a hummingbird probing nectar-rich flowers while robins sing in the trees. With the right native plants, arranged to mimic natural ecosystems, you will provide birds with food, water, shelter, and nesting places. Instead of just visiting your garden to snack, birds will call it home! George Adams offers close-up profiles of birds from across all regions of North America to teach you their nesting, breeding, and feeding habits along with guidance for regional plant selection and garden design.

From BooklistBirds have been celebrated in Egyptian hieroglyphs, medieval tapestries, and countless paintings and poems through the ages, symbolizing freedom and joy, and bringing song and color to our lives. Creating a bird-friendly garden is the making of a sanctuary for birds and people. Adams how-to involves the use of native plants as the central structure both for building a cozy bird-welcoming ecosystem and aiding the preservation of North Americas distinctive natural heritage. He provides steps for planning, which include providing food, shelter, water, and nesting sites and planting wildflowers. His coverage includes information on gardening regions, soil pH, fertility, and drainage, and preparing the soil, choosing native plants, developing a landscape plan, working with small spaces (including urban terraces), and more. Adams also provides both a plant and bird directory. Full-color photos and drawings throughout complement the text, and appendix materials include a metric conversion chart, lists of resources, recommended reading, and an index, making for an engaging and inspiring comprehensive guide. --Whitney Scott Adams how-to involves the use of native plants as the central structure both for building a cozy bird-welcoming ecosystem and aiding the preservation of North Americas distinctive natural heritage. He provides steps for planning, which include providing food, shelter, water, and nesting sites and planting wildflowers. . . .an engaging and inspiring comprehensive guide. Booklist Helpfully detailed and brightly illustrated information about horticulture and garden design strategies. . . . this book will draw birders to gardening; gardeners to birding; and non-gardeners and non-birders to both. The charts are easy to read and the information about birds and bushes is accessibly organized, offering a sublime adventure for the average gardener. Publishers Weekly A beautiful and comprehensive guide. . . . packed with hundreds of color photos of American birdsfiery cardinals, tawny sparrows, blazing bluebirdsand the vast array of attractive plants they prefer for feeding and nesting. Chicago Tribune Adams has written this informative guide to help make even the simplest backyard more hospitable to birds. Better Homes and Gardens If youd like to create welcoming habitat for the birds most likely to occur in your area, this is the ultimate guide to help you make the best plant selections for doing so. American Gardener If you own only one book about attracting birdsGardening for the Birds has all the useful information you will need to create your own bird sanctuary in your own garden. Birds and Blooms Among the best weve seen. . . .Adams describes how to develop a landscape plan, lists the best native plants for five regions of North America, and plots blooming times for hummingbird and butterfly flowers. BirdWatching Gardening for the Birds is packed with interesting, useful information about both birds and the native plants they depend on, but its truly beautiful too. The photographs are excellent, the layout is gorgeous, and there are impressive pen and ink illustrations by the author himself. I would go so far as to say that everyone interested in wildlife gardening should have this book! I have not seen a more thorough treatment of the subject by anyone for the home gardener, and the presentation is a quite a treat as well. A Charlotte Garden This is a very good book about gardening for birds. . . . a fine choice if youre at all interested in attracting birds by gardening for them. The Metropolitan Field Guide Whether youre a gardener whos new to birding or a birder whos new to gardening, I think youll find Gardening for the Birds:How to Create a Bird-Friendly Backyard a valuable resource and one of those go-to book on your gardening, or is it birding, bookshelf. Native Plants and Wildlife Gardens