

# Birds

Birds are beautiful creatures that are a joy to watch in any garden. In addition, many birds feed on plant pests such as aphids and snails, helping with pest control in the garden! To attract birds to your garden consider the following points.

## Shelter:

Birds need shelter from predators such as cats and predatory birds. Help protect your feathered visitors by providing prickly or dense plants at various heights in your garden.

## Water:

A reliable water source, particularly in summer, will attract birds to your garden. If you install a birdbath, place it near dense or prickly plants to provide birds with protection from predators.

## Food:

**Small birds** – Silvereyes, Wrens, Finches, and Thornbills forage in the lower levels of the garden. They feed on insects and help to keep plant pest numbers down. Native grasses provide an important source of food for grass seed-eating birds such as Red-browed Finch and Crested Pigeon.

**Honey Eating birds** – Honeyeaters, Wattlebirds and Spinebills are specialist nectar feeders. They use their brush-like tongues to collect nectar from the flowers of Melaleucas, Correas, and Banksias. They also like to eat insects as a source of protein.

**Parrots** – Rosellas and Lorikeets feed on Eucalypt flowers and seeds, while Cockatoos and Galahs refer the seeds of Callistemon and Eucalypts. Grass parrots feed on grass seeds.

**Large birds** – Magpies, Kookaburras and Butcherbirds feed on larger insects, small lizards and skinks.



## Note:

Please do not feed native birds with bird seed or supplementary feed