Bird-Friendly Garden Designs

Full Sun Business Patio

Ideal design for business owners or homes with patio spaces.
This landscape design is suited for full sun and dry conditions in the prairie region. The plants have aesthetic, medicinal, and culinary applications.

One of the biggest threats birds face is habitat loss. Planting native plants is a simple but powerful way to help birds. Native gardens not only provide food and shelter for, they also conserve water and eliminate chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Audubon Rockies’s Habitat Hero program provides people, businesses, and cities with the resources to create bird habitat in their own communities.

Learn how you can plant a better world for birds and people at rockyies.audubon.org/habitat-hero.

**PLANTS**

**American Plum (Prunus americana)**

*May attract* chickadees, jays, mockingbirds, nuthatches, orioles, sparrows, thrushes, vireos, waxwings, warblers, wrens, and native bees

**Bee Balm (Monarda fistulosa)**

*May attract* hummingbirds, chickadees, jays, mockingbirds, nuthatches, orioles, sparrows, thrushes, vireos, waxwings, wood warblers, woodpeckers, wrens, native bees, bumblebees, and butterflies

**Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)**

*May attract* nuthatches, finches, chickadees, long-tongued and short-tongued bees, honeybees, predatory wasps, butterflies, skippers, moths, flies, beetles, and caterpillars

**Blue Grama (Bouteloua gracilis)**

*May attract* chickadees, woodpeckers, nuthatches, cardinals, sparrows, jays, and finches

**Mexican Hat (Ratibida columnifera)**

*May attract* nuthatches, warblers, sparrows, waxwings, vireos, mockingbirds, chickadees, orioles, woodpeckers, jays, finches, bees, butterflies

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**HOW TO**

**Easy as 1, 2, 3, BEE!**

1. **PLANT**
   - If you choose to start from seed, place seeds in nutrient rich, moist soil in formation as shown in layout on back of brochure. For USDA Plant Zone 5, plant the seeds when the soil temperature reaches 60-70 degrees Fahrenheit (usually early-mid May).
   - If you choose to start from established plants, be sure to follow the care instructions that come with the plant.

2. **FEED**
   - Be sure the planter is exposed to full sunlight most of the day.
   - Water only when soil looks dry. Watering is minimal after germination.
   - Fertilizer is not necessary as these plants thrive in this eco-region.

3. **MAINTAIN**
   - All plants are valuable for human use for medicinal, flavorful, or aroma therapeutic purposes and can be utilized to help your business grow.

4. **BEE**
   - Sit back and enjoy watching birds, pollinators, and other wildlife take advantage of your bright blooms.
   - Pat yourself on the back for being an environmentally aware and sustainability leader in your community.

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All information on pollinators and birds is from USDA and National Audubon Society.