



Habitat Hero

Planting a better world for birds and people



Rufous Hummingbird.
Photo: Tom Koerner/USFWS

Birds make great neighbors.

They announce the arrival of each day with their cheerful songs. They enrich our lives with their stunning colors and boundless energy. But they also need our help.

One of the biggest threats birds face is habitat loss. As our communities grow, the native plants that birds, pollinators, and other wildlife depend on are vanishing. Fortunately, you can help.

Planting native plants is a simple but powerful way to help birds. Native gar-

dens not only provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife, they also conserve water and eliminate chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Vibrant and full of life, they make our communities healthier and more beautiful.

How can you get started? Audubon Rockies’s Habitat Hero program provides people, businesses, and cities with the resources to create bird habitat in their own communities. Together we can weave together a landscape for wildlife.

BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDENS

- Attract and support wildlife
- Conserve water
- Avoid pesticides and fertilizers
- Are beautiful



Be a Habitat Hero



Habitat Hero community garden planting.
Photo: Mandi Casolo/Audubon Rockies

Learn how you can attract wildlife to your home or community.

Your garden is valuable bird habitat. Habitat Hero has the tools and resources you need to welcome birds into your community. Here's how you can help:

Learn how to create a bird-friendly garden. Habitat Hero provides workshops to communities across Colorado and Wyoming. These events are designed for all gardening levels. We also have a variety of free resources on our website.

Certify your garden. Habitat Heroes are individuals, organizations, and businesses who create habitat for planting native plants. Certifying your garden provides recognition to your work and inspires others to do the same. Anyone, regardless

of their gardening abilities, can become a Habitat Hero.

Volunteer with us. Grow the native plant movement by helping plant a demonstration garden, promoting Habitat Hero in your community, or sharing your story.

GET INVOLVED

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SIMPLE STEPS TO CREATE A BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN

1. Select a site with adequate sun, soil, and drainage.
2. Thoroughly remove sod and weeds.
3. Plant a variety of shapes, sizes, and species.
4. Focus on plants that support high variety and quantity of food.
5. Plant in the spring or fall.
6. Pull out invasive weeds as your garden grows.

For more details, go to rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero.

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