

# Birdify Your Yard!

## *Landscaping for Birds*

### What Birds Need For Successful Nesting and Survival:

- **Native Plants** — Birds rely on native plants for safe nesting and feeding habitat.
- **Habitat Structure** — Good bird habitat has a mixture of native plants growing at different heights to create habitat structure.
- **Healthy Understory** — Most songbirds nest on or near the ground among native forbs and shrubs.
- **Dead Trees** — Snags and dead trees provide woodpeckers and other cavity nesting birds with essential nesting habitat and insects to feed their young.
- **No Disturbance** — Mowing, brush clearing, and habitat restoration during the nesting season (mid-April-July) causes nests to fail.



American Robin on Nest © Diane Pierce



Lazuli Bunting Nest

### How You Can Create a Bird Habitat Garden:

- Plant native plants in mixed species clumps
- Create an understory using native grasses, shrubs, and forbs
- Leave dead or dying trees in your yard
- Avoid mowing, disking, spraying, brush clearing and building activities from mid-April-July in the Klamath-Siskiyou region.
- Reduce predators- keep cats indoors and eliminate outdoor sources of food which attract rats, opossums, skunks, foxes, and jays, all are nest predators eating eggs and young!
- Discourage non-native predators such as House Sparrows and European Starlings- take down nest boxes being used by these species (for more on safe nest boxes see our nest box handout)
- Leave brush piles and pruning debris through the winter to encourage quail and winter sparrows; Golden-crowned and Fox Sparrows.
- Use only selective bird feeders, those that exclude jays, cowbirds, starlings, and crows. For more information see our bird feeding handout.



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**Additional Resources:** Klamath Bird Observatory [www.klamathbird.org](http://www.klamathbird.org), Plant Oregon [www.plantoregon.com](http://www.plantoregon.com), Oregon Native Plant Society [www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org), Rogue Valley Audubon Society [www.roguevalleyaudubon.org](http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org), North Mountain Park Nature Center <http://www.northmountainpark.org/>, National Wildlife Federation [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

# Native Plants For Birds—

## *In the Klamath-Siskiyou*

When choosing to landscape for birds and other wildlife, look around your neighborhood and try to re-create the habitats in the surrounding open spaces.

The plants listed here are examples of native plants by habitat type of the common habitat types in the Klamath-Siskiyou region.

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 Oregon Native Plant Society  
[www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org),  
 Rogue Valley Audubon Society  
[www.roguevalleyaudubon.org](http://www.roguevalleyaudubon.org),  
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### Oak Savannah

#### Grasses

*Elymus glaucus* blue wildrye  
*Elymus elymoides* squirreltail  
*Festuca idahoensis* Idaho fescue  
*Koeleria macrantha* junegrass  
*Pseudoregnaria spicata* bluebunch wheatgrass

#### Herbs

*Achillea millefolium* yarrow  
*Amsinckia meniesii* fiddleneck  
*Camassia quamash* camas  
*Cynoglossum grande* hounds tongue  
*Castilleja spp.* paintbrush  
*Clarkia purpurea* farewell spring  
*Delphinium menziesii* larkspur  
*Lomatium utriculatum* desert parsley  
*Lupinus bicolor* miniature lupine  
*Plagiobothrys spp* popcorn flower  
*Wyethia angustifolia* mule's ears

#### Trees

*Quercus garriana* OR white oak  
*Quercus kelloggii* CA black oak

### Riparian

#### Shrubs

*Prunus virginiana* chokecherry  
*Ribes spp.* wild currant  
*Rosa californica* CA wild rose  
*Rubus spp.* thimbleberry, salmonberry  
*Sambucus spp.* elderberry  
*Symphocarpus spp.* snowberry

#### Trees

*Cercocarpus betuloides* birch leaf mtn. mohogany  
*Populus trichocarpa* black cottonwood  
*Salix spp.* willows

### Pine-Oak-Madrone/Mixed Conifer

#### Herbs

*Aquilegia formosa* columbine  
*Iris chrysophylla* yellow iris  
*Iris innominata* Siskiyou iris  
*Lilium columbianum* tiger lily  
*Phlox adsurgens* woodland phlox  
*Polystichum munitum* sword fern  
*Trillium ovatum* trillium

#### Shrubs

*Amelanchier utahensis* serviceberry  
*Berberis aquifolium* Oregon grape  
*Ceanothus spp.* wild lilac  
*Holodiscus discolor* oceanspray  
*Kalmiopsis Leachiana* kalmiopsis  
*Lonicera ciliosa* honeysuckle  
*Philadelphus lewisii* mock orange  
*Ribes sanguineum* flowering currant  
*Sambucus mexicana* blue elderberry  
*Symphoricarpos alba* snowberry

#### Trees

*Acer glabrum* Douglas maple  
*Arbutus menziesii* madrone  
*Calocedrus decurrens* incense cedar  
*Lithocarpus desiflorus* tan oak  
*Pinus ponderosa* ponderosa pine  
*Pseudosuga menziesii* Douglas Fir  
*Quercus kelloggii* CA black oak  
*Umbellularia californica* CA bay laurel

### Chaparral

See Oak Savannah grasses and herbs  
Shrubs and Trees

*Amelanchier utahensis* serviceberry  
*Arctostaphylos spp.* manzanita  
*Ceanothus cuneatus* buckbrush  
*Cercis occidentalis* redbud  
*Cercocarpus betuloides* mtn. mohogany  
*Rhamnus californica* CA coffeeberry