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.

Native Plants For Birds—
In the Klamath-Siskiyou

Oak Savannah

Grasses
- Elymus glaucus blue wildrye
- Elymus elymoides squirreltail
- Festuca idahoensis Idaho fescue
- Koelaria macrantha junegrass
- Psuedoregnaria 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 popcorn flower
- Plagiobothrys spp. mule’s ears
- Wyethia angustifolia

Trees
- Quercus garriana OR white oak
- Quercus kellogii CA black oak

Riparian

Shrubs
- Prunus virginiana chokecherry
- Ribes spp. wild currant
- Rosa californica CA wild rose
- Rubus ssp.
- Sambucus spp.
- Symphoricarpos spp.

Trees
- Cercocarpus betuloides birch leaf mtn. mohogany
- Populus trichocarpa black cottonwood
- Salix spp.

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
- Amalankier utahensis serviceberry
- Berbrus aquifolim Oregon grape
- Ceanothus spp. wild lilac
- Holodiscus discolor oceanspray
- Kalmiopsis Leachiana kalmiopsis
- Lonicera ciliosa honesuckle
- Philadelphus lewisii mock orange
- Ribes sanguineum flowering currant
- Sambucus mexicana blue elderberry
- Symphorycarpus 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 kellogii CA black oak
- Umbellularia califonica 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
- Rhamus californica CA coffeberry

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.

Additional Resources:

Klamath Bird Observatory www.klamathbird.org,
Plant Oregon www.plantoregon.com,
Oregon Native Plant Society www.npsoregon.org,
Rogue Valley Audubon Society www.roguevalleyaudubon.org,
North Mountain Park Nature Center www.northmountainpark.org/
National Wildlife Federation www.nwf.org

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