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Julie Zickefoose : The Bird-Friendly Backyard: Natural Gardening for Birds : Simple Ways to Create a Bird Haven (Rodale Organic Gardening Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bird-Friendly Backyard: Natural Gardening for Birds : Simple Ways to Create a Bird Haven (Rodale Organic Gardening Book):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Detailed, informative, inspiringBy JayliaThis helpful guide to attracting birds to your garden year round--even when nothing is in bloom--is not only full of useful information, it's interesting to read. You'll learn a lot about birds, how the natural world works, and what things you can do to help birds, butterflies, and other wildlife thrive near your house. Looking at your yard from a bird's point of view may change your landscaping priorities--to some extent, messy is good for instance. There are charts of plants that work for each area of the country, with an emphasis on native flora because often that is best for wildlife, but the book isn't solely about plants. Water, shelter and feeder needs are all covered so you can turn your yard into as much of a bird haven as you would like.The author has several other bird related books,including my favorite, The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds With Common Birds, which is about her own relationships and encounters with individual birds. The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good

reading/great giftBy SqueakieGreat book with details about the birds habits that made for interesting reading. The book was more like a story rather than just a reference book. I bought a second copy to give as a gift to another bird lover.9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Pair desired birds with desired gardensBy Midwest Book ReviewGardeners who want their gardens to appear as a welcome mat for birds will find *Natural Gardening For Birds* provides basic tips on how to lay out a garden rich with food, water, and shelter for birds. Especially intriguing are the various charts showing the bird-friendly features of specific types of regional plants ranging from hedgerows to wildflowers, and making it easy for even novice gardeners to pair desired birds with desired gardens.

Bird watchers everywhere dream of a landscape filled with berry-laden branches, nesting spots among twining vines, and birds crowding their feeding stations. Let *Natural Gardening for Birds* show you how to lay out the welcome mat for birds by providing for all their needs, including year-round water, food, and shelter. Create a bird haven right outside your backdoor!

From Publishers WeeklyGardeners interested in attracting a variety of birds and butterflies to their gardens should consult *The Bird Friendly Backyard: Natural Gardening for Birds*. Julie Zickefoose and the editors of *Bird Watcher's Digest* detail various ways to offer winged creatures harbor in your backyard. Their good advice and instructive anecdotes on feeding, housing, rescuing and providing water sources for numerous species encourage enjoyment and the provision of safe places for birds and butterflies to visit and, if you're lucky, take up residence. Plantings that attract, feed and shelter, especially areas left relatively wild, will reward the gardener as well as the birds. All regions of the country are covered with helpful charts listing food preferences, sheltering landscapes and more, with a directory of resources and 100 two-color illustrations to complete the package. (Rodale, \$16.95 paper 256p ISBN 0-87596-883-X; Jan. 2)Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalGardeners often want to enhance their gardens by attracting wildlife. Using Briggs's book, even those with little space can encourage a wide variety of visitors. Briggs's science background and writing skills make this a worthwhile guide that subtly calls attention to habitat loss while providing meaningful ways gardeners can help. Chapters are organized by habitats: woodlands, wetlands, grasslands, and rocklands. Briggs is thorough, giving brief historical and ecological background on each habitat along with suggestions on how to re-create it at home. Unfortunately, since her book was originally published in Britain, her plant lists may be of limited use to American gardeners. Unlike Briggs, natural history writer Zickefoose, whose work often appears in *Bird Watcher's Digest*, includes plant lists for various U.S. regions, though her emphasis is on habitats for birds. There are the usual recommendations on plants and water features, but also included are detailed chapters on housing, feeding, and creating hospitable habitats with living fences, brush piles, and snags. Zickefoose openly discusses the ugly side of attracting birds (disease problems, window-kills, predators, and pests). Points are punctuated by sidebars in which birders relate their experiences. The final chapter comprises observations by naturalists and authors across the United States. Recommended for all public libraries and essential for those lacking Sally Roth's *Attracting Birds to Your Backyard* (Rodale, 1998). Harris's less-detailed book is designed for those who wish to attract birds and butterflies but who have little knowledge of gardening or wildlife. Harris offers beginners a nice section on planning gardens and a short, attractive directory of plants. One strength of this book is its large color illustrations depicting wildlife and illustrating the steps taken in creating such projects as trellises, backyard blinds, and homemade bird feeders. An attractive book recommended for libraries needing to update. Bonnie Poquette, Shorewood P.L., WI Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistWant warblers in your wisteria? Sparrows in your spirea? Attracting birds can be as simple as scattering seed, but dedicated gardeners interested in making a more substantial commitment to sustaining and sheltering birds will find an abundance of practical information in this comprehensive guide to creating welcoming habitats, from wildflower meadows to wild mounds of brush, from berry patches to backyard ponds, features easy to incorporate in any garden design. With expertise and enthusiasm, the authors offer incisive, in-depth material on such critical topics as thwarting predators, installing water features, and constructing feeding stations. Augmented by handy "quick reference" charts and topical QA sections, much of the guide is organized by "ecoregions," since specific geographic areas support different bird species. Extolling both their beauty and their benefits, this is one garden handbook that is positively "for the birds." Carol HaggasCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved