



Bird-Friendly Spaces Program

Quick Start: No Outdoor Space



The Bird-Friendly Spaces program has been designed so everyone can participate, regardless of the size of your space. Whether you have a dorm room or an apartment without a balcony, there are many actions you can take to help protect resident and migratory birds in our region. This guide provides tips on being bird-friendly in every space you occupy!

CREATE INVITING HABITAT

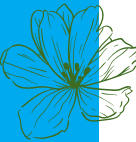
Even if you do not have a yard to plant native plants or install a water feature, there are plenty of ways to be bird-friendly with no outdoor space!

- ✓ Plant natives in a pot right outside your doorway (*check out our plant suggestions*).
- ✓ Have conversations with your apartment or condo complex. Encourage them to remove invasive plants and start planting natives in their landscaping.
- ✓ Volunteer at invasive plant removal or habitat restoration workdays with a local organization (*check out some of our favorite spots on page 2*).
- ✓ Try out a bird feeder that attaches to your window via suction cup.
- ✓ Plant natives at a community garden.



Natives Plants That Do Great in Pots:

Turk's Cap
a flowering shrub that hummingbirds love

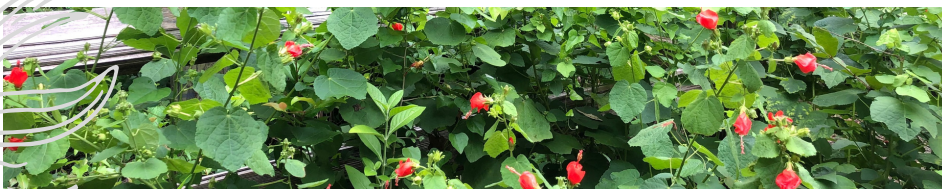


Black-eyed Susan
a cheery yellow annual that blooms all summer

Corpus Christi Fleabane
a low-growing daisy that drapes beautifully

Lanceleaf Coreopsis
a beautiful yellow flower with evergreen leaves

Texas Grama
a compact bunchgrass to provide structure





CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Being bird-friendly can take place outside your home as well! Chatting about birds and the bird-friendly actions you are taking can encourage and inspire others to join you in your efforts.

- ✓ Join bird walks or monthly bird surveys.
- ✓ Take a class about wildlife or native gardening.
- ✓ Become a Houston Audubon member to meet other bird lovers and support bird conservation.
- ✓ Talk to your neighbors, family, and friends about ways they can be bird-friendly!

Great Places to Do Volunteer Habitat Work: West Houston Area

- Katy Prairie Conservancy

Central Houston Area

- Houston Arboretum
- Buffalo Bayou Partnership
- Memorial Park Conservancy

Southeast Houston Area

- Armand Bayou Nature Center
- Exploration Green

Galveston Area

- Galveston Bay Foundation

Multiple Locations

- Houston Audubon Sanctuaries
- Gulf Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists
- Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- Houston Parks Board



LIMIT THREATS TO BIRDS

Resident and migratory birds face a number of threats, especially in an urban environment. You can take actions in your own space to limit these threats and help all the wildlife of our region.

- ✓ Buy bird-friendly items like shade-grown coffee.
- ✓ Turn off all non-essential outdoor lighting at night, especially during migration seasons.
- ✓ Keep your cats indoors (or supervise their outdoor adventures with leashes or catios).
- ✓ Prevent daytime window collisions by using decals, screens, or other visual cues for birds.
- ✓ Limit your use of single-use plastics.
- ✓ Participate in a litter clean-up in your neighborhood.
- ✓ Avoid using pesticides or rodenticides.



Learn more about Bird-Friendly Spaces

