

WELCOME TO THE BACKYARD BIRD GARDEN

IT'S FOR THE BIRDS!

Imagine waking up each morning to the cheerful sounds of birds singing. It's easy to achieve! VanDusen's Backyard Bird Garden demonstrates how to transform any garden space, from the tiniest deck to the biggest backyard – into an oasis for birds.

It's all about choosing the right plants to provide lots of nutritious food, a little shade, shelter and safe places to perch or nest. Add a bird bath or water source, a feeder or two, then sit back and birdwatch!

Colourful nectar-rich flowers, juicy berries, oil-rich seeds or nuts, are sure to bring the birds flocking. But birds also need cover. Deciduous trees, like vine maple (*Acer circinatum*), which grows well in containers, provide food and open branches for perching while coniferous trees or evergreen shrubs like salal (*Gaultheria shallon*) offer cover and a safe place to nest.

LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION?

Build your own container or backyard bird garden by choosing some of the native species, exotic trees, shrubs or perennials growing here. Your garden will attract a diversity of birds and inspire your neighbours!

