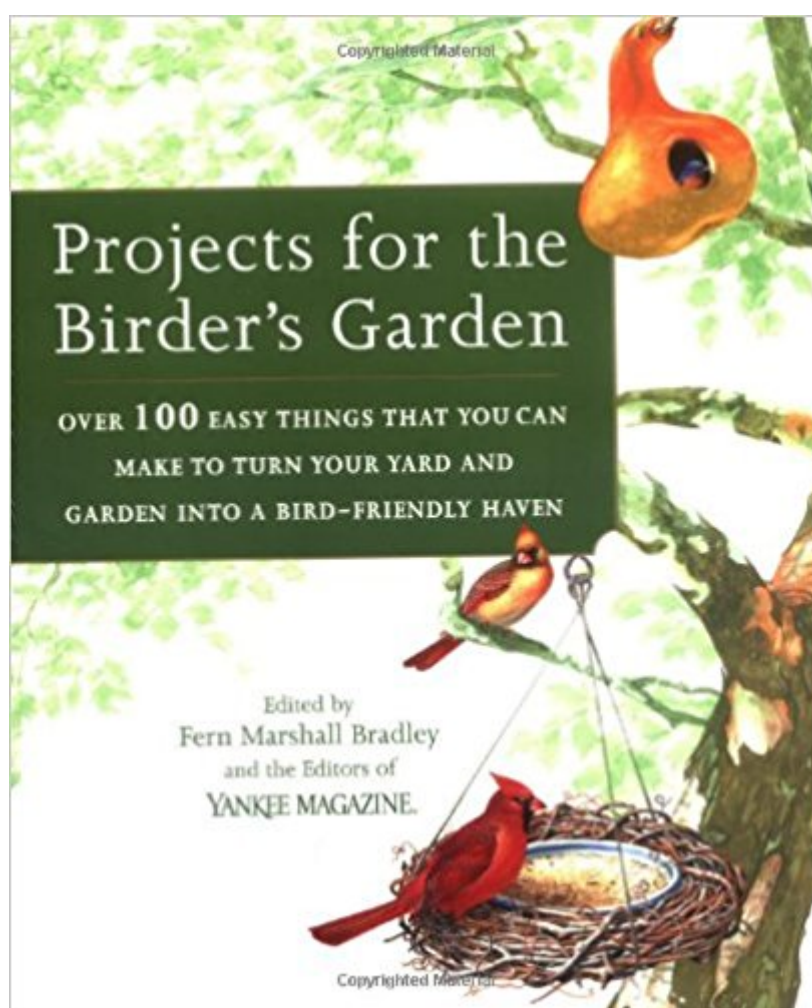


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# Projects For The Birder's Garden: Over 100 Easy Things That You Can Make To Turn Your Yard And Garden Into A Bird-Friendly Haven



## Synopsis

Projects for the Birder's Garden from Fern Marshall Bradley and the Editors of Yankee Magazine lets you create your own private nature preserve-with dozens of ingenious ideas to turn a typical backyard into a beautiful natural habitat for birds and other wildlife.Experience the gratification of watching birds gobble seeds and other treats from your homemade bird feeder. Look on with delight as a mother bird tends to her babies in the protective hideaway of a birdhouse you have lovingly constructed from a dried gourd. Create a sunflower plantation, a bird teepee, a tent-style twig feeder, a pedestal birdbath. Follow the step-by-step instructions in this book, and your yard will quickly become an enticing playground, breeding ground, and feeding ground for colorful songbirds. And that's not all-there are also projects specially designed to attract beautiful hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden. Among the book's special features:- Projects require only a few simple tools and supplies and most can be easily and inexpensively assembled using only scrap materials found around the house - Information-packed sidebars include tips for identifying the nests and eggs of songbirds and unusual facts and figures about birds and bird behavior - Instructions show how to create baffles and barriers to keep squirrels, raccoons, and other unwanted guess away from the birdseed-along with projects for tending to these feeder-raiding marauders too! The simple pleasure of viewing birds in your backyard is something to treasure every day of the year. Whether you are a seasoned bird watcher or are new to the hobby, you will find a wealth of inspirational ideas here to attract more birds than ever before to your backyard. And you'll increase your enjoyment of this soul-satisfying pastime.

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## Customer Reviews

Fern Marshall Bradley, a lifelong organic gardener, is also an editor and writer based in eastern Pennsylvania. A former book editor for Rodale, Inc., Fern's editing credits include Rodale's All-New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening, Rodale's Garden Answers, and Gardening with Perennials. She has a master's degree in horticulture from Rutgers University and has managed a market garden on an organic farm in New Jersey.

I spent some time taking several books out of the library and found this to be one of two that has been the most helpful. It is chock full of ideas that are easy to execute and have proven effective. I have bought very little in the way of commercially made feeders, but have quite easily gotten a feeding station that offers four basic seeds (black sunflower, white millet, niger thistle and suet). This book also showed me how to make a quick and effective bird bath that featuring a drip that really draws in the birds in during the warmer weather. The other book that has been a big help is "Wild about Birds" by Carrol L. Henderson. I also found that "The Cornell Feeder Watcher's Guide to Bird Feeding" by Jack Griggs and Margaret A. Barker gave me the courage to explore the more creative ideas of home-made bird feeders. It has a section that features folks talking about their Bird Feeding Stations. Some of them were quite eccentric --- really great stuff!! hope to venture into landscaping for the birds this summer. I'm confident "Projects for the Birder's Garden" will be great for this too, but I will also be looking at Stephen Kress' "The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds: Creating Natural Habitats for Properties Large and Small" for more information on aspects of gardening for birds.

wonderful!

This book is a joy, with projects for everyone from the most skillful handyman to the 5 year old who loves birds. The book walks you through the projects, as well as the why for it. It groups them in sections of similar projects, and in some cases, of skill. It will help you turn your yard into the bird haven you've always wanted.

This book will delight the Do-It-Yourself types who would rather put something together and attract birds to their backyards than to merely observe them in the wild. It's a sturdy, glossy trade

paperback with detailed line-drawings, tables, side-bars, and step-by-step project sheets. It starts with a section of fast-and-easy projects for beginners to get your feet wet with the easiest of the various types of woodworking, cooking, and gardening projects you can do to attract birds. Later chapters go into detail on each of the specialties (woodworking, cooking, gardening) so that you can either do it all or just focus on the chapters that address your talents. The book also includes a Projects-at-a-Glance index so you can look up things to do involving Nesting, Water, Landscaping, et cetera. Highly recommended. Longer review at OrnateBirdGarden-dot-com.

I have been bird watching and building bird houses and feeders for years and I have read many books on the subject. This one is the most delightful of all! The art is great and the projects simple and fun. Even if you never do more than throw a few seeds on the ground, this book is a pleasure just to read. Highly recommended!

This book is SO much more than a collection of projects for attracting birds. It is full of very detailed information about backyard birds: what bird eats what food, what type of feeder attracts what bird, nesting patterns, behavioral characteristics and virtually every other fact you would want to know to maximize your bird watching experience. I like this book so much I've given it as a gift. It's a reference you will keep coming back to and the projects (many of which can save the thrifty birdwatcher a lot of money) are fun and rewarding.

This book has a wealth of information for planning bird gardens. It tells what types of food, plants, trees, houses and baths will attract certain types of birds. I also appreciated some of the suggestions for keeping away unwanted visitors. There are some basic designs for bird houses included, but more important is the lists telling the inside dimensions, hole size and height, and placement of houses to attract specific birds. There are "recipes" for bird foods to attract certain the birds you want, including humming birds. There is also a section about butterflies.

I have never seen a book with so many easy-to-try ideas in one place. I flagged so many pages, I ran out of sticky-note flags! Most of the ideas do not require sawing or drilling, although those types of projects are also included for the more adventurous bird lover. I purchased this book for a friend because I was so pleased with it.

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