

Create a backyard habitat



- **Choose native plants.** Desert wildlife thrives on native plants.
- **Grow plants naturally.** Over-pruning limits food and shelter options.
- **Provide nesting materials.**
Small twigs and leaves produce good mulch.
- **Create a water source.**
Wildlife needs water for drinking, bathing, and staying cool.

Dense canopies encourage tree nesters.

A large, spreading tree with many branches and small green leaves. A bird is shown perched on one of the lower branches.

Plants of varying heights attract more birds.

A tall saguaro cactus with a bird perched on its very top. To the right, there's a cluster of smaller desert shrubs with yellow flowers.

Birds forage for food sources among the fallen leaves.

A ground surface covered with fallen leaves and small rocks. A bird is perched on a low-lying bush with pink flowers.

Native plants attract native wildlife.

A variety of desert plants including a flowering shrub with red and yellow blossoms, a cactus, and some low-growing plants. A small lizard and a quail chick are visible on the ground.

Seeds and fruits are food sources for wildlife.

A bird stands on a rock next to a small, shallow pool of water surrounded by rocks and plants.

Capture rainwater for wildlife and plants.

A small stream or puddle of water flows through a rocky landscape with various desert plants.