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## Make your backyard wildlife friendly

4 easy steps to creating a cool animal habitat

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Your backyard is more than just a place to play—it's also a habitat for animals! Turn your outdoor home space into a place animals want to hang out in with these simple tips.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- **Shrubs and bushes that are native to where you live. Look for plants that have berries, nuts, and seeds that will attract animals. An expert at a garden center can help.**
  - **A make-your-own birdbath and bird feeder. You can always buy one but making one is more fun!**
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Bunnies need to be on high alert, because an eagle can spot a rabbit from more than a mile away.

## **STEP 2**

Choose an area for your birdbath and ask an adult to help you set it up . Birds and other small animals might use this to bathe and drink from.

## **STEP 3**

Choose a tree for your bird feeder, and have an adult help you hang it up.

## **STEP 4**

Wait for the animals to explore your backyard! Make sure to watch them from a safe distance so you don't disturb them.

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