

## Small birds that may visit your garden and where to look for them



### Grey Fantail

Mid storey, bug attracting canopies, flowering shrubs that attract small insects.



### Willie Wagtail

Open ground chasing insects, lightly-branched shrubs for nesting.



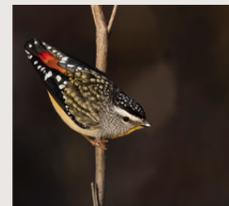
### White-naped Honeyeater

Tree canopies, nectar-bearing shrubs.



### Eastern Spinebill

Mid-storey to upper stories, nectar-bearing shrubs.



### Spotted Pardalote

Eucalypt canopies, with bugs and leaves with sugary lerps.



### White-browed Scrubwren

Low shrubbery, bug attracting mid-storey.



### Brown Thornbill

Mid to upper stories, especially fine-leaved bug attracting vegetation.



### Silver-eye

Canopies that attract bugs, they love small berries.



### Superb Fairy Wren

Low shrubbery, prickly ground-storey, grasses.

## Other native birds you may see in your garden or local parks



### Red-rumped parrot

Lawns and open spaces with seeding native grasses.



### Red-browed Firetail

Midstorey and ground cover where there are seeding native grasses and creepers like Nodding Saltbush.



### Eastern Rosella

Canopies – Love Golden Spray seedpods.



### New Holland Honeyeater

Mid-storey, nectar yielding plants, especially bottlebrushes and banksias.

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# BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY PROJECT — TOP PLANTS FOR — Little Native Birds



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## Did you know that you can make your garden more attractive to our beautiful tiny native birds by including suitable indigenous (locally-native) plants in your garden?

Little birds and their young need sheltered places to hide and nest. Dense and prickly shrubs provide idea protection from larger bully birds such as Noisy Miners and Red Wattlebirds, as well as other predators such as domestic cats.

A variety of small native birds feed on insects and berries. Including a diversity of flowering and nectar plants will attract insects, which will in turn attract insectivorous and nectar feeding birds.

Bossy honeyeaters such as Rainbow Lorikeets, tend to be attracted to large, showy grevilleas and flowering gums. It's best to group these plants together, away from small bird habitat.

Amongst our list of suitable plants are some lovely garden plants that provide berries after flowering.

Make sure you include some bowls of water in your garden. A 'cat safe' bird bath either on a high, secure pedestal or hanging from a tree is ideal.

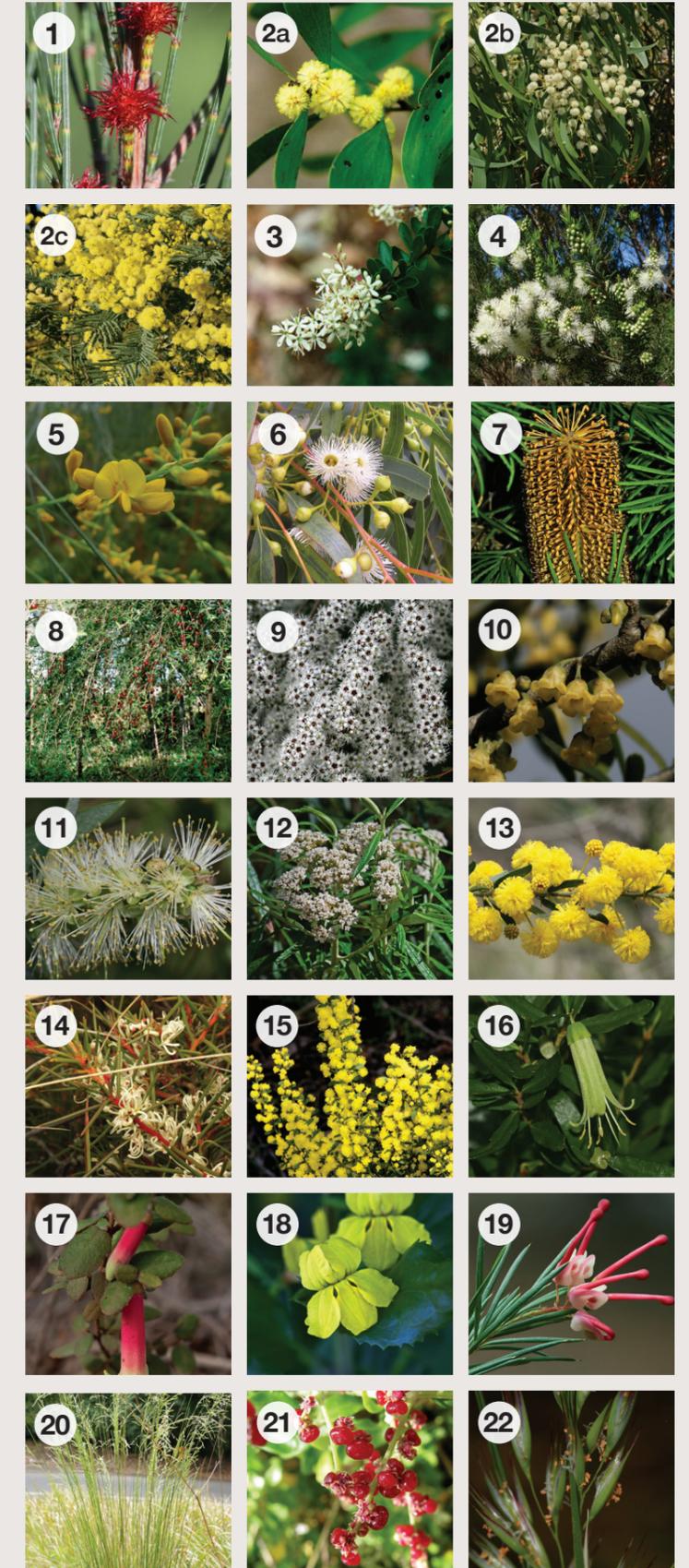
# Our top habitat plants for small native birds

			HOT	DRY	DAMP	OPEN	INSECT ATTRACTING CANOPY/BARK	INSECT ATTRACTING FLOWERS	NECTAR FOR BIRDS	DENSE OR PRICKLY SHELTER	SEEDS	BERRIES
<b>SMALL TREES</b>												
1	<b>Drooping Sheoke</b>	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	X	X		X	X				X	
2a	<b>Blackwood</b>	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>			X	X	X	X		X	X	
2b	<b>Lightwood</b>	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	X			X	X			X		
2c	<b>Silver Wattle</b>	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>		X	X	X	X			X	X	
3	<b>Sweet Bursaria</b>	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	X	X				X		X		
4	<b>Swamp Paperbark</b>	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X		
5	<b>Golden Spray</b>	<i>Viminaria juncea</i>			X	X			X		X	
6	<b>Yellow Gum</b>	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i>	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
7	<b>Silver Banksia</b>	<i>Banksia marginata</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>MID-STOREY SHRUBS</b>												
8	<b>Prickly coprosma</b>	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>			X		X			X		X
9	<b>Burgan</b>	<i>Kunzea leptospermoides</i>			X	X	X	X		X		
10	<b>Tree Violet</b>	<i>Melicytus dentatus</i>			X					X		X
11	<b>River Bottlebrush</b>	<i>Callistemon sieberi</i>			X	X			X	X		
12	<b>Tree Everlasting</b>	<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>			X	X		X				
13	<b>Hedge wattle</b>	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	X	X		X	X	X		X		
14	<b>Bushy Needlewood</b>	<i>Hakea decurrens</i>	X	X		X				X		
15	<b>Gold-dust Wattle</b>	<i>Acacia acinacae</i>		X	X		X	X			X	
<b>UNDERSTOREY SHRUBS</b>												
16	<b>Rock Correa</b>	<i>Correa glabra</i>	X	X		X			X	X		
17	<b>Common Correa</b>	<i>Correa reflexa</i>		X	X				X			
18	<b>Hop Goodenia</b>	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>		X	X				X	X		
19	<b>Rosemary Grevillea</b>	<i>Grevillea rosmarinifolia</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
<b>GRASSES AND GROUND COVERS</b>												
20	<b>Tussock grass</b>	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>			X	X				X	X	
21	<b>Nodding Saltbush</b>	<i>Einadia nutans</i>	X	X							X	
22	<b>Wallaby Grass</b>	<i>Rytidosperma spp.,</i>	X	X	X	X				X	X	

All plants can be purchased from:

- Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Cooperative, Fairfield, [www.vinc.net.au](http://www.vinc.net.au)
- Greenlink Indigenous Nursery, Box Hill, [www.greenlinkboxhill.org](http://www.greenlinkboxhill.org)

## Plant Key



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