

## Ripple Effect Water Minute #22 – Bringing Back Wildlife

With a little planning, your backyard can be home for many different types of wildlife. Trees, shrubs, and other plants provide both food and shelter for wildlife. The types of plants you use for food and cover will help determine the wildlife species attracted to your backyard.

Food and cover are essential for the survival of all species. Plant a variety of species. Select plants that flower and bear fruit at different times of the year. Shrubs that produce berries can provide food for wildlife throughout the year. Trees with nuts and fruit can also provide seasonal foods. Flowers and fruits of some plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Be sure to check with your local nursery for a complete list of what trees, shrubs and plants will grow best in your area of the Red River Basin.

For more tips on backyard conservation and making your yard more attractive and enjoyable for all kinds of wildlife, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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