

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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— 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.



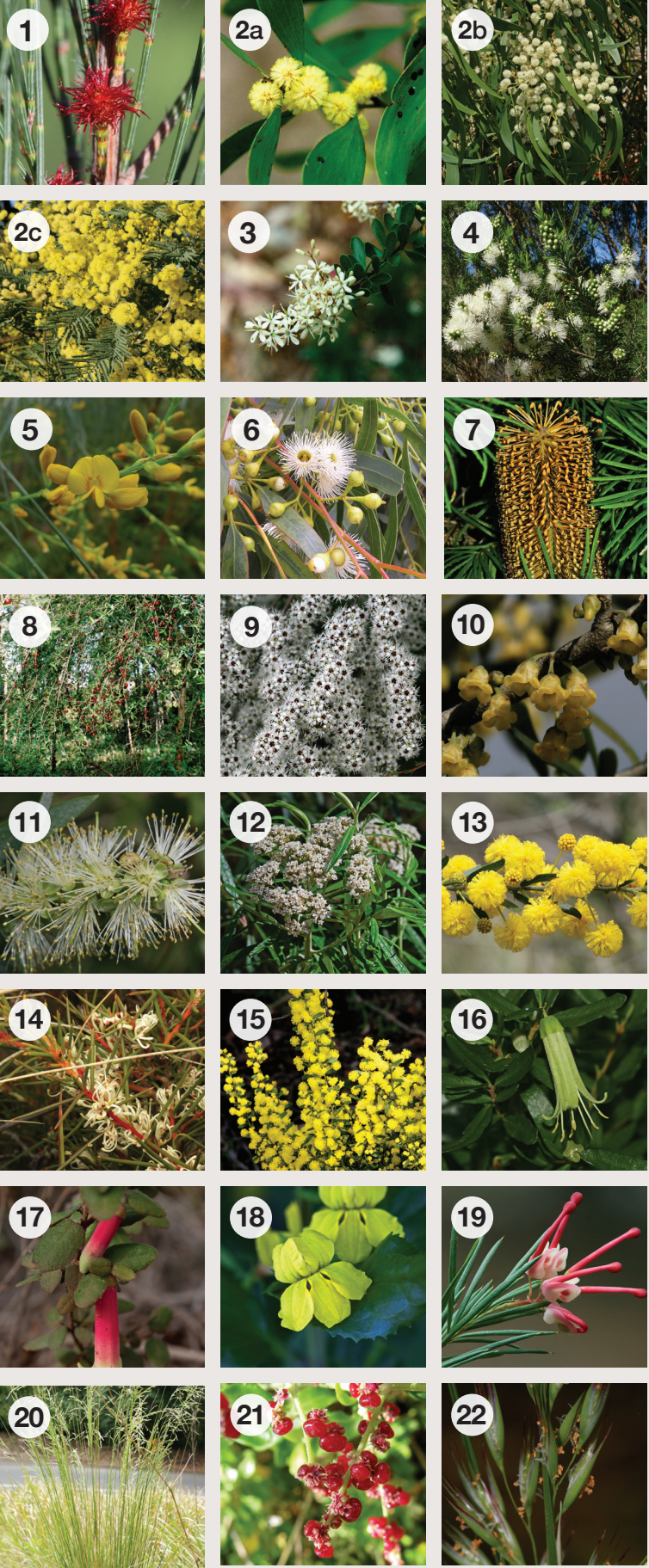
Our top habitat plants  
for small native birds

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