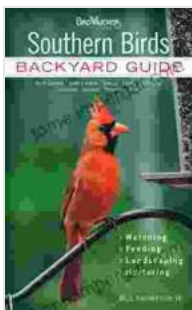


# Your Backyard Guide: Watching, Feeding, Landscaping, and Nurturing Wildlife in North Carolina and the South

If you're lucky enough to have a backyard, then you have a unique opportunity to connect with the natural world and the amazing creatures that inhabit it. With a little effort, you can create a backyard habitat that attracts and supports a wide variety of wildlife.



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This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to get started, including:

- How to identify the different types of wildlife that live in your area
- What to feed them
- How to create a welcoming habitat

- How to nurture and protect wildlife

## **Watching Wildlife**

The first step to enjoying wildlife in your backyard is to learn how to identify the different types of animals that live there. This can be done by observing their behavior, tracks, and droppings. You can also use field guides or online resources to help you identify wildlife.

Once you know what animals live in your backyard, you can start to watch them. This is a great way to learn about their behavior and habits. You can watch them from a distance, or you can set up a bird feeder or other attractant to bring them closer.

## **Feeding Wildlife**

One of the best ways to attract wildlife to your backyard is to provide them with food. However, it's important to feed wildlife responsibly. Only feed them foods that are safe for them to eat, and don't overfeed them.

Here are some tips for feeding wildlife:

- Offer a variety of foods, such as seeds, nuts, fruits, and vegetables.
- Place food in different locations around your backyard.
- Keep food fresh and clean.
- Don't feed wildlife if they are sick or injured.

## **Landscaping for Wildlife**

The way you landscape your backyard can also have a big impact on the types of wildlife that visit. By planting native plants and creating different

habitats, you can attract a wide variety of wildlife.

Here are some tips for landscaping for wildlife:

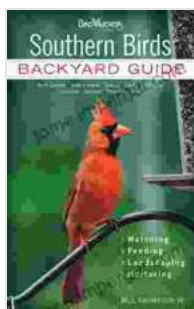
- Plant native plants that provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Create different habitats, such as meadows, woodlands, and wetlands.
- Provide water sources, such as birdbaths and ponds.
- Avoid using pesticides and herbicides.

## Nurturing and Protecting Wildlife

In addition to providing food and habitat, there are other things you can do to nurture and protect wildlife. These include:

- Reduce your impact on wildlife by conserving water and energy.
- Educate yourself and others about wildlife conservation.
- Support organizations that are working to protect wildlife.

By following these tips, you can create a backyard that is welcoming to wildlife. This will provide you with years of enjoyment and help to support the local ecosystem.



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