



2023 Calendar and Gardening Guide

The *2023 Calendar and Gardening Guide* introduces the latest garden trends that the gardener can implement to create a healthy, sustainable, productive, and rewarding garden.

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A Gardening Guide on a Calendar

Presented by the U.C. Master Gardeners of Placer County

Fine Feathered Friends

Gazing at visiting birds from your choice lounge or through your window is delightful year-round, but do you realize those same birds help your garden thrive?

You know that birds help pollinate flowers, both directly when collecting nectar and indirectly when carrying pollen between plants. They also deposit seeds in new places via droppings. All birds increase your soil health in this aspect, as droppings are a natural fertilizer.

You may not realize that sparrows and finches help your garden by eating weeds. Many birds eat insects, beetles, and snails. Owls and hawks eat mice and snakes.

So, let's enhance our gardens to be bird-friendly! You can do this by providing water, food, and shelter year-round. We can provide clean water for birds that's accessible plus shade for drinking and bathing. A simple solution for this is large saucers commonly used under plant containers. We can provide natural food sources, such as native plants with seeds, berries, and nectar. A diversity of plants in your garden will attract diverse species of birds. Evergreen trees and shrubs of varying heights provide shelter for birds from predators and weather.

Birds also appreciate herbaceous ground covers and dead woody material. Let's enhance our gardens for birds by waiting to tidy up until late winter. Birds also appreciate eating dried seeds and using dried plant stalks for nesting materials. In addition to birds visiting during Spring, they may be noticed to stay longer, lay eggs, and raise their young.



Hummingbirds are one of many birds that help pollinate and fertilize your garden. Plant bird-friendly plants and see how many different species of birds you can attract.

What to Plant in May

Annuals
Aster, Calendula, Celosia, Cosmos, Sage, Seaflower, Zinnia

Perennials
Artemisia, Penstemon, Silene californica, Forsyia

In Season at the Market

Exotic
Blackberry, Blueberry, Boysenberry, Cherry, Peach, Raspberry, Strawberry

Vegetables
Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, Fava beans, Onions, Peas, Eggplant

Root Vegetables
Beet, Carrot, Radish

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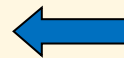
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Master Gardener of Placer County Member's Day Garden Tour

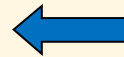
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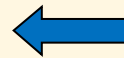
Suggestions of “What to plant by Month.”



“In Season at the Market” information.



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Contact information for UC Master Gardeners of Placer County.



Timely reminders such as plant care, irrigation tips, pest control information and much, much more.



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