



Feeding birds is a simple way of increasing the number of birds in your backyard and provides enjoyment and entertainment for the whole family. Follow Tui's top tips for feeding wild birds:

- Birds are vulnerable on the ground so raised feeders are the safest solution.
- Sturdy tree branches, or a specially designed hook or stake are the best options for hanging your feeder.
- Ensure you keep the feeder topped up so birds know they can rely on it as a regular food source.
- Birds feed most actively in the early morning, replenishing their energy after the night.
- Regularly clean and dry your bird feeding station or feeder. Feeding food from unclean feeders may contribute to the spread of disease amongst wild birds.
- Always keep food dry. Do not allow it to go mouldy as rotten food is potentially harmful to wild birds.
- Some birds feed on nectar – use a nectar feeder with sugar water to attract them to your garden.
- A bird seed bell is an alternative to a feeder and provides birds plenty of entertainment and nutrition as they use their natural pecking instincts to pull apart the bell.



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**ATTRACT A VARIETY OF BIRDS
INTO YOUR GARDEN**

ATTRACTING WILD BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD

It is such a pleasure to have the company of wild birds in your own garden, to enjoy their beauty, colour and song. Feeding birds is a simple way to increase the number of birds in your garden and provides entertainment for the whole family. Feeding also provides a regular food source over the cold winter months when food can be scarce.

In addition to the enjoyment of having birds in your garden, many of them will search for common garden pests such as caterpillars and snails all year round – a fantastic benefit for all gardeners!

Setting up bird-friendly facilities in your garden is a great first step to encouraging wild birds. Creating nesting sites, and providing food and water sources will all help attract birds into your backyard.

Wild birds eat a variety of food – some are mainly nectar feeders such as tui and bellbirds, whereas others like fantails and starlings prefer insects and bugs. Other species like finches and sparrows are mainly seed eaters. In winter when natural food sources are low, most wild birds will eat seed.

COMMON NEW ZEALAND BIRDS:

- Blackbird
- House sparrow
- Silvereye (or waxeye)
- Greenfinch
- Starling
- Song thrush
- Tui
- Chaffinch
- Fantail
- Goldfinch
- Yellowhammer
- Bellbird

TUI WILD BIRD SEED AND FEEDERS

Tui Wild Bird Seed Mix and the range of **Tui Wild Bird Feeders** are designed to tempt a variety of birds into your garden so you can enjoy the colour, song and beauty of New Zealand's birds in your own backyard. All Tui feeders have a high quality construction, are weather resistant, easy to clean, and have a simple to fill design.

Tui Wild Bird Seed Mix is a tasty all natural mix, containing no artificial colours or flavours and suitable for use in feeders or scattered on the lawn. The mix contains a nutritious blend of mixed millet, radish, rape seed, wheat, barley, and sorghum.

Tui Nectar Feeder is a specialist feeder for nectar feeding birds like tui and bellbirds. It is nice and bright like a nectar flower to attract the birds. Simply mix up a sugar solution by dissolving 200g of white sugar in 1 litre of warm water. Once that has cooled down pour into the feeder and hang in a tree.

Delight your backyard friends to a **Tui Wild Bird Seed Bell**. Providing an alternative to a feeder, it will give them days of entertainment and nutrition.

Treat the birds in your backyard all year round with the new **Tui Wild Bird Suet** range including **Tui Wild Bird Suet Balls** and the **Tui Wild Bird Suet Coconut Feeder**. Rich in the protein and essential fats our feathered friends need, **Tui Wild Bird Suet Balls** are suitable for use on a feeding platform or a suet ball feeder. The **Tui Wild Bird Suet Coconut Feeder** is a fun addition to your backyard, and provides a tasty high energy food source for wild birds in your garden.

The species of birds that live in or visit your garden are determined by environmental and climatic factors. You can help entice birds to your garden by planting varieties of native plants like kowhai and flax which both attract tui and bellbirds.



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