



PHOTOGRAPH BY GUAN JIANGCHI, SHUTTERSTOCK

## Make your backyard wildlife friendly

4 easy steps to creating a cool animal habitat

Your backyard is more than just a place to play—it's also a habitat for animals! Turn your outdoor home space into a place animals want to hang out in with these simple tips.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Shrubs and bushes that are native to where you live. Look for plants that have berries, nuts, and seeds that will attract animals. An expert at a garden center can help.
- A make-your-own birdbath and bird feeder. You can always buy one but making one is more fun!



Bunnies need to be on high alert, because an eagle can spot a rabbit from more than a mile away.

## STEP 2

Choose an area for your birdbath and ask an adult to help you set it up . Birds and other small animals might use this to bathe and drink from.

## STEP 3

Choose a tree for your bird feeder, and have an adult help you hang it up.

## STEP 4

Wait for the animals to explore your backyard! Make sure to watch them from a safe distance so you don't disturb them.

## READ THIS NEXT



Make seed bombs and slingshots

#### LEGAL

[Terms of Use](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Your US State Privacy Rights](#)

[Children's Online Privacy Policy](#)

[Interest-Based Ads](#)

[About Nielsen Measurement](#)

[Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information](#)

#### OUR SITES

[National Geographic](#)

[National Geographic Education](#)

[Shop Nat Geo](#)

[Customer Service](#)

#### JOIN US

[Subscribe](#)

[Manage Your Subscription](#)



Copyright © 1996-2015 National Geographic Society | Copyright © 2015-2023 National Geographic Partners, LLC. All rights reserved