



Wildscaping for Songbirds Media Information

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Wildscaping for Songbirds presentation description:

Your garden is your outdoor sanctuary. With some careful plant choices, it can be a haven for native birds as well. Landscaped with native species, your yard, patio, or balcony becomes a vital recharge station for migratory birds passing through and a sanctuary for nesting and overwintering birds.

Each patch of restored native habitat is just that – a patch in the frayed fabric of the ecosystem in which it lies. By landscaping, or *wildscaping*, with native plants, we can turn a patchwork of green spaces into a quilt of restored habitat. More native plants mean more choices of food and shelter for native birds, native pollinators and other wildlife.

In our new educational outreach presentation, *Wildscaping for Songbirds*, we will demonstrate the importance of restoring our communities, one garden patch at a time. From a birds-eye view, learn how to create wildlife-friendly gardens that help combat the loss of open spaces and create green corridors that link your wildscape to larger natural areas by providing habitat for wildlife.

About the presenter:

Veronica Bowers is the director and founder of Native Songbird Care and Conservation. Located in Sebastopol, California, NSCC is a state and federally permitted wildlife rehabilitation facility devoted exclusively to the care of native passerines. With support of a small team of 12 amazing volunteers, Native Songbird Care & Conservation cares for approximately 1,000 songbirds each year.

Veronica has a passion for songbirds and has been working exclusively with this diverse and challenging group of wildlife since 1999. Veronica became an accidental gardener nearly 18 years ago when she began learning about the vital connection between our native plants and native songbirds. Since then she has fallen in love with native plants and has created the Songbird Sanctuary Habitat Gardens on the grounds of Native Songbird Care & Conservation. The gardens include 1.5 acres of songbird habitat comprised mostly of native plants and support over 70 species of songbirds throughout the year.