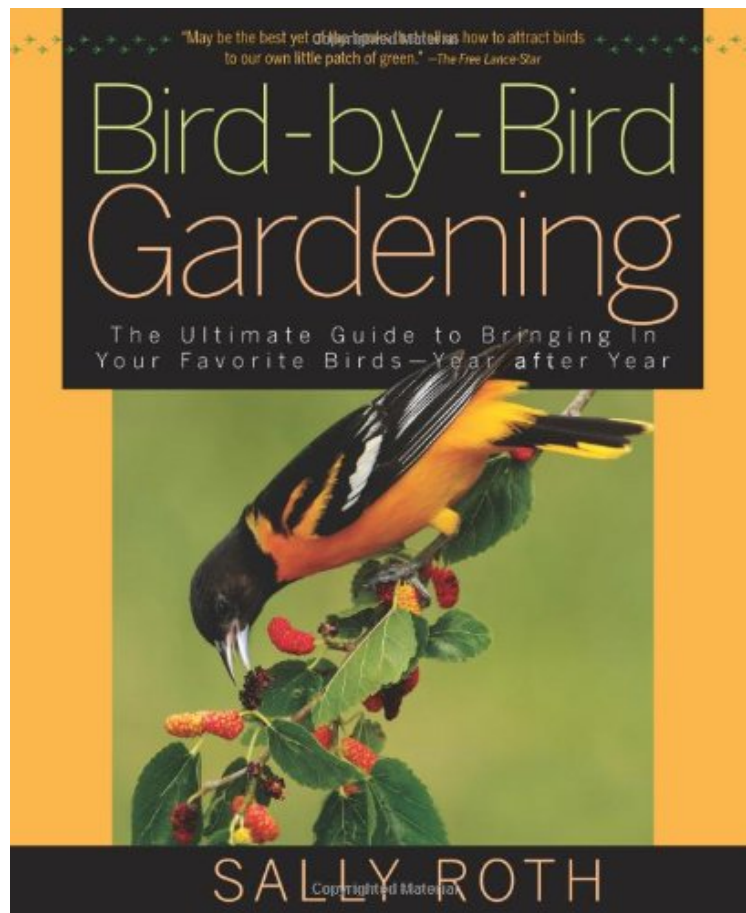


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bird-by-Bird Gardening: The Ultimate Guide to Bringing in Your Favorite Birds--Year after Year:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Terrific book to get started planing bird gardens! By SophieGI am baffled by the negative reviews about this book. It is an extremely useful reference if you want concrete ideas about establishing a bird-friendly garden. We are landscaping our yard from scratch after a major renovation to our house, and this book is exactly what I was looking for. As a couple of the reviewers mentioned, this is NOT a bird identification book, which is fine with me because there are zillions of those books out there. Instead, this is a gardening book. The author devotes a chapter to each of the most common bird families, gives some basic information about the natural habits and preferences of each family, and then presents an actual garden plan (with sketch) to attract members of that family. The garden plans are simple, which is great, and the author also includes a table of other

recommended plants and their use for birds (food, shelter, etc.) The plant lists are not exhaustive, but the garden plans are a terrific starting point. This book is most useful for folks who already know the type of birds they'd like to attract to your garden. If you don't, get yourself a basic bird ID book that gives a list of local inhabitants in your area, and then use the Bird-by-Bird Gardening book to figure out how to attract the species of your choice. The author does have a very casual, chatty writing style, which I have to admit gets a bit annoying, but if you ignore that, the book is loaded with great information. The only thing I felt uncomfortable with is that the author takes a somewhat less rigorous approach about the use of invasive plants than is environmentally responsible. Still, she encourages use of native trees and plants in each of her plans, and flags any invasive plants so you can choose not to use them. Overall, this book is great for folks who already have some knowledge about birds, and want specific instructions about what to plant to attract them. Very useful.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book for Gardeners wanting to feed the local wildlife!

By P. Callaway I thought this book was great! I am primarily a gardener, and getting in to birding as a result of all I'm doing in the yard. This book was excellent because for each type of bird, it told you what plants you could plant in your yard to attract them, what plants they would eat, if they would be likely to nest in your yard, what kind of plants they require for nesting, what the nest would look like, and what other kinds of general habitat they might like. I really had never thought about how birds need places to hide from predators, not just places to get food and have nests. It also had information like what kind of foods each bird likes, if you want to put out feeders, and what kind of feeders (if any) each kind of bird might be attracted to. It's not really a bird reference, this is more a gardening reference to attract birds. It does a very good job of giving you specific plant ideas for any kind of bird that you want to attract - I find that picking out specifics is often the hardest part!

The only thing I wish this book did differently is to not include invasive plants, even if they aren't invasive all over the US. There are several plants in here that are causing significant habitat problems in Massachusetts, even though in other regions in the US they aren't such a problem. Fortunately, she does call out each plant that she mentions that could fall into that category, so you will know. I just wish they weren't mentioned at all!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good book

By Lawrence P. Merkel Lots of great color pictures and the food likes for each bird and what to grow in your garden to satisfy them

In a book that she considers her life's work, veteran gardener and naturalist Sally Roth takes the chance and happenstance out of backyard birding. Readers learn what design features and edible treats will tempt particular bird families so that their birdbaths and feeders will be overflowing with the visitors of their choice. Bird-by-Bird Gardening includes nineteen garden designs for attracting specific bird families such as hummingbirds, nuthatches, swallows, thrushes, or wrens as well as water projects and feeder recipes for each bird family. With Rodale's best-selling bird author to guide them, bird lovers will soon have their favorite birds lingering longer in the backyard and revisiting year after year.

About the Author SALLY ROTH is a lifelong gardener and naturalist and the author of The Backyard Bird Feeder's Bible, Attracting Birds to Your Backyard, and other books about birding, nature, and gardening. She is a lively public speaker who has been featured at venues big and small, and has written for most major gardening magazines. She currently resides in New Harmony, Indiana.