Planting a small bird habitat haven in your garden

Along your back or side fence—ideal for small birds.

Near your back or side fence—child friendly.

In a corner.

In-fill planting into an existing garden.

Provide protection and a safe haven for small birds, such as fairywrens, red-browed finches, silveryeyes and white-browed scrubwrens. These birds must travel between bushland areas to find mates or to establish new family groups.

Plant local native plants near your back fence, in a corner or in-fill with habitat plants within existing garden beds.

The most important element is to plant some spiky protective plants to provide a safe resting place for small birds, safe from attack by bigger birds, dogs and cats.

Mixed native shrubs and grasses offer a variety of food, from seeds to insects.

Taller and softer native shrubs 
(2–4m)—Grevillea sericea, Ozothamnus, Leptospermum.

Protective native spiky plants 
(2–4m)—Hakea sericea, Bursaria spinosa, Lambertia, Banksia.

Small native shrubs and ground covers (< 1m)—Dianella, Native Violet, Pratia, Bossiaea, Entolasia.

A bird bath can be placed within protective spiky plants so small birds can use it safely.

Logs or rocks for lizard habitat.

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