Planting a small bird habitat haven

Your habitat haven may be as big or small as your garden will allow. It may be a pie-shaped wedge in a corner or long and narrow or just the protective spiky circle.

An example A circle 7 metres across could have 3-17-36-44 plants (inner circle to outer). 100 plants in total. Add extra plants to outer circles as available.

inner sanctum
Taller, softer shrubs 1-2 metres in height. Provides a safe haven away from bigger birds. A vine can provide protective cover. Pomaderris, Grevillea, Ozoanthamus, Leptospermum.

protective circle
Spiky, protective shrubs 1-2 metres high, planted just over a stretched hand distance apart. Hakea, Acacia ulicifolia, Bursaria, Banksia, Lambertia.

biodiverse shrub circle
Small, attractive shrubs add interest to a garden for people, birds and animals. This layer provides food and shelter. Dianella, native Geranium, Indigofera, Prostanthera.

eating out
Mixed native grasses and ground covers offer a variety of foods from seeds to insects. Pratia, native violet, native Geranium, Microlaena, Entolasia.

Add value to your habitat
Logs, rocks—even suitable ‘rubbish’ such as ceramic pipes or pieces of concrete—provide important shelter for backyard wildlife.

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