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*, *Ozothamnus*, *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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