

Native Underbrush

Native trees and underbrush provide some types of birds nesting opportunities. Other species nest right on the ground, but may need an area sheltered by shrubs or require specific types of vegetation to build their nests with.

Native shrubs and naturally occurring duff (the collection of leaves, seeds and other compostable materials that fall to the ground) are places where birds can forage for food. Duff also absorbs storm water runoff and reduces soil erosion.



Rufous Hummingbird nestlings in nest on Oregon Grape

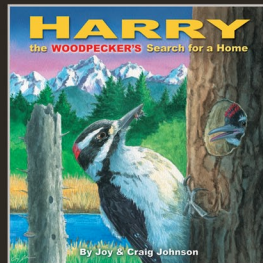


Barred Owl resting in an Alder tree

Sheltering Trees

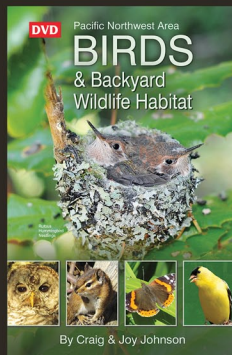
Trees are crucial for many types of birds and other native creatures, as they provide shelter from the elements and places to hide from predators. Trees also supply food, plus areas to nest.

Dead and dying trees are prime locations for nest cavities, which are widely used by a host of creatures. Having native trees on your property, even those that are dead or dying (when safe for your house), will benefit wildlife.



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