



## Virtual Seminar Series: Backyard Bird Paradise November 19 & 20, 2025

### Master Naturalist AT Request Information AT hours recommended: 4 hours

*Please have your AT committee review and approve.*

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#### **November 19, 2025**

5:30 – 6:30 PM      **Bring on the Birds! Haeley Giambalvo**      1 hour  
– Haeley Giambalvo, Native Plant Influencer and Autor

#### **Presentation Summary**

Bring your yard to life with bird activity by landscaping with native plants! This presentation will explore how our native Texas plants provide the food, shelter, and nesting sites that birds need to thrive. You'll discover how native plants not only produce seeds and berries for birds, but also attract the insects that are a critical food source for many species. Learn which plants attract different birds, how to create a bird-friendly habitat year-round, and simple design tips to transform your yard into the most popular one on the block for birds!

6:30 – 7:30 PM      **Growing Plants from the Ground Up**      1 hour  
– Beth McMahon, Horticulture Agent,

#### **Presentation Summary**

Have you ever wanted to have a green thumb so you can grow your own bird attracting plants? Keeping plants alive can seem like a daunting task, but doesn't have to be. AgriLife Extension Agent Beth McMahon will talk on the basics of plant care, establishing plant beds and general plant maintenance.

*November 20, 2025 presentation information continued on next page.*

## **November 20, 2025**

5:30 – 6:30 PM      **Designing Home Landscapes from a Bird’s Eye Perspective**   1 hour  
– Dr. Michael Arnold – Professor of Landscape and Horticulture

### **Presentation Summary**

This presentation will focus on discussions of design elements useful in attracting birds to home landscapes. Emphasis will include plantings and hardscapes that support critical habitat requirements for various types of birds. We will explore plant selections and site considerations to provide necessary water, food resources, shelter and nesting locations and materials throughout the year. Suggestions for designing to enhance viewing of birds will also be discussed.

6:30 – 7:30 PM      **Creating a Feeding Station to Enhance your Birby Backyard**   1 hour  
– Liz Tidwell – Small Acreage Program Specialist

### **Presentation Summary**

Join Liz as she shares how to set up a backyard feeding station designed to attract your favorite birds. She’ll cover how to choose the right feeders and foods, and why it’s important to adjust what you offer throughout the year to meet the seasonal needs of different species. Learn practical tips to make your backyard a welcoming habitat for feathered visitors while enhancing your own birding experience.