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Hello Urban Forests Friends,

This issue of the CaUFC newsletter is dedicate to birds, one of the biggest dependents and supporters of trees. Birds and trees have a symbiotic relationship and as humans we gain from both these natural wonders. So, in honor of trees & birds read on:

- [Study finds: Urban trees promote bird diversity](#)
- [Urban trees help migrating birds](#)
- [Trees bring birds to our backyards](#)
- [Can you guess the three most common city birds?](#)

Thanks for all you do for urban forestry for us and for the birds!



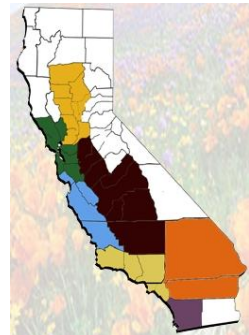

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Study finds: Urban Trees Promote Bird Diversity

A [study](#) by Australian National University PhD candidate Karen Stagoll found that large trees in urban parks are "keystone structures" which provide important habitat and contribute to the richness, abundance and breeding of birds.



The [report](#) warns that "the loss of large trees from urban settings may have far-reaching ecological consequences".

But if you want to save native birds we need native needs. A [study](#) in Australia found the amount of native trees on suburban streets has a big effect on the numbers and types of birds in the area.

Urban Trees help Migrating Birds

Besides all the benefits that trees provide to humans, they also help wildlife including bird conservation.

Beautiful Bird Ballet

A bird ballet | Short Film

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A 2010 study showed that: "Within migration, land birds spend up to 90% of their time resting and regaining energy at stopover sites, making habitat a key component," they explained. Read more [here](#).

Learn more about the [Invest From the Ground Up](#) campaign - Growing Trees Makes Great Neighborhoods!

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"Little Birds On My Tree" poem

Today you come again,
O little birds on my tree,
In numbers playing and singing,

Jumping from little branch to little branch,
Drinking sweetness from the blooming spring flowers.

O little birds on my tree,
I wonder, where you live?
You come and go as you please,
Living a life of freedom and ease,
Without fail praising the Sustainer of your needs.

O little birds on my tree,
Please come again to visit me,
Cause I love to see your colourful feathers,
And listen to your beautiful chirping of happiness,
Seeing the world from a higher branch,
Ahh...I wish I am a little bird on a tree!

-spiritual seeker

Trees bring birds to our backyards

Did you know: 60 million people spend close to a billion dollars annually on birdseed and associated products hoping to attract melodic tunes to their yards. However, trees are the main attraction for our feathered friends as it provides them with the necessities-- food, water, and shelter.

Here's a [list](#) by the National Gardening Association on trees and plants that are good for attracting birds to the urban garden:



Can you guess the three most common city birds?

The three most common city birds are the **starling**, **sparrow** and **pigeon**. They are three very adaptable species, always ready to exploit a potential food source or a suitable nest site.



Starling: *Sturnus vulgaris*

Starlings are sociable birds - they congregate in the thousands and fly to suitable roosts. Read more [here](#)

House Sparrow: *Passer domesticus*

The House sparrow, found in all towns and cities, was first attracted to urban areas back when the only form of transport was horse-drawn. Read more [here](#)



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Town or Feral Pigeon:

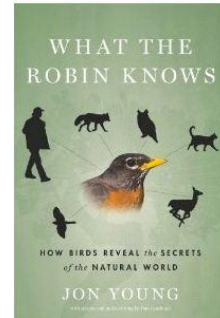
Columba livia

The common town pigeons we see around us every day have around the coasts, but the city pigeons which escaped



More bird resources

WhatTheRobinKnows.com
Offers a Free Bird Language Basics e-Course



iBird for iPhone, iPad, Android
Allows you to quickly and easily identify birds on your smart-phone or tablet.



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