

January 2013 “Backyard Birds Including Hummingbirds” by Mark Klym

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Program Summary:

Everyone loves to have birds around their garden, but often common gardening techniques work to minimize the variety we will see around our homes. This program looks at simple changes we can make to the way we garden - everything from the plants we choose to the way we control insects - that will lead to more variety and greater numbers of birds in our back yards.