



## Notes on Attracting Wildlife to Your Garden

### Birds

- Include plants with nectar sources (primarily for hummingbirds) which are usually found in bright coloured pink and red flowers such as: Red flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*), Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*) and Orange honeysuckle (*Lonicera ciliosa*)
- Food for birds includes berry, nut or seed producing plants such as: Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*), Indian Plum (*Oemlaria cerasiformis*), Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), Oregon Grape (*Mahonia sp*), Wild Rose (*Rosa nutkana*) and Oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- Include plants for bird shelter, such as Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*), Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), Oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor*) – brush piles and dead trees are also good places for birds to seek shelter
- Birds also like access to nesting material such as grasses and small twigs
- Good nesting sites are nest boxes, shrubs and trees such as: Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*) and Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)
- Provide water for drinking and bathing – gravel or grit helps birds with digestion
- Good perch sites provide lookout sites and safety from predators

### Butterflies

- Nectar sources for butterflies are usually bright coloured flowers such as: Penstemon (*Penstemon sp*)\* There are invasive varieties, Larkspur (*Delphinium menzeisii*) – Note that nectar plants are best in sunny locations, sheltered from the wind. Group nectar plants together to encourage longer visits
- Sources of larval (caterpillar) food are Willow (*Salix sp*) \* There are invasive varieties, Spiraea (*Spiraea douglasli*) and Oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- Keep your garden pesticide-free (CRD- Grow Green Guide)
- Butterflies derive minerals from water or mud puddles

### Reptiles

- Provide south facing rocks for warming on cool days, as well as cool spots under logs and rock crevices to hide and hunt
- Include a permanent source of water in a location safe from predators
- Foods include insects, slugs and earthworms

### Amphibians

- Include damp spots under moss, rocks, logs or leaf litter in your garden
- Provide areas of partial shade and a permanent source of water
- Foods include insects, slugs and earthworms
- Provide locations that are safe from predators