The Lawn is Gone
Make a Habitat Garden

This garden is for the birds...and the bees, and the butterflies! The native shrubs planted in this Habitat Garden provide seeds, berries and nectar – favorite food for birds and butterflies. The larger shrubs offer a great place for birds to nest.

The plant diversity displayed in this garden makes it an excellent option to attract birds and butterflies to your home. You’ll also benefit by having a yard that saves water and requires less maintenance than a traditional lawn. Visit the Perennial Garden to see another lawn alternative you can create for your home.

More information and plans for these native gardens are available at the Crab Cove Visitor Center.

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The ceanothus silk moth (Hyalophora euryalus) is highly dependent upon native ceanothus plants. The caterpillars eat the leaves, adult moths drink nectar from the flowers, and the large cocoons formed by the caterpillar are often found hanging from ceanothus branches.

Native California salvias (commonly called sages) have fragrant, showy blossoms that are a magnet for the three B's: butterflies, birds and bees. They provide nectar for all three, while many birds also eat their seeds.

Flowers of the manzanita provide nectar for this hummingbird. Birds also love to nest in the dense cover of manzanita bushes.