

Express News Gardening Tasks

Distribute 05-31-2018

Bird Baths are important to birds when temperatures are hot, and the weather is dry, but they also provide water to squirrels and butterflies. The water will be splashed out or evaporated each day so be prepared to rinse and refill every day.

Vitex, esperanza, poinciana, thyrallis, duranta, salvia, and lantana are blooming now despite the heat. They can be planted in full bloom without a transplant shock and keep blooming for the rest of the summer if you use container grown plants.

Prune out unwanted seedlings such as hackberry from your fence line and flower beds. If you apply a product such as Cut Vine and Stump Killer to the fresh cut, the seedlings will not resprout. Follow label instructions.

Hand water the portions of the lawn that don't receive adequate water from your sprinkler system with once per week watering, and then work with your irrigation contractor to make the sprinkler system more efficient.