

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To meet the birds' needs for water in the summer and to bring in many species and individuals for observation, provide one or more bird bath for their use. Rinse and fill it every day. To reduce vulnerability of the birds to cats and other predators place the birdbath 6 to 8 feet away from cover.
- It is time to harvest all the remaining potatoes, carrots and beets from the fall and spring planting.
- One of the best nectar sources to attract butterflies to your landscape is mist flower. They are available in bloom at area nurseries, Give them plenty of space in full sun. Porter weed, zinnias, duranta, and milkweed are other all-star nectar sources to plant now.
- If you had grubs in the lawn last fall it is time to apply a soil insecticide to control the new hatch before they damage the lawn this year. The same insecticide will control chinch bugs as well.