



# *In the Garden*

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*Over-wintering Hummingbirds that nested my rhododendron in spring*

## **To do list for late Fall/Winter:**

- Winterize pots by elevating them on "feet" to improve drainage
- Cut back by half the messy looking perennials *if you need to*, but leave most until end of Feb. This provides protection to the crown of the plant in freezing weather plus gives shelter and seeds to wintering birds.
- Pull winter weeds before they get established.
- Apply compost or shredded leaves to protect soil from pounding rains
- Take time to enjoy the winter garden

For a more complete, personalized "to-do" list, clients may refer to their Design Information booklet.

## **Winter Bird-watching**

Cold winter weather often brings birds from outlying areas into city gardens, looking for shelter and food. Oregon Junco, Cedar Waxwing, Anna's Hummingbirds, and Rufous-sided Towhee are just a few of the visitors I have sighted in my own small garden in the depths of winter. I actually see a greater variety of birds in fall and winter than I do in summer, and that is despite the fact that I took down my bird feeder a few years ago!

The groundcovers, grasses, shrubs and small trees in my garden provide a safe and varied environment for birds to forage, and give me a beautiful setting to watch birds from the warmth of my home. And to top it off, I don't have to brave the cold to restock a birdfeeder anymore! Keep an eye on your winter garden and you may be surprised at who drops in for a visit!

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