Your Yard Is A Good Place For Desert Finches!

- **Fearless and friendly:** they like human company.
- **Garden dwellers:** they thrive on seeds and insects.
- **Good neighbors:** they travel in flocks and settle in at favorite spots, like your garden.

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- **Easy to please:** they eat seeds from feeders, garden plants, and even weeds!
- **Pest control:** they love to eat tiny insects.
- **Entertainment:** they wear colorful, brightly patterned plumage and are energetic singers and dancers.
- **Fellow travelers:** both lemon-yellow Lesser Goldfinches and brown with bright red House Finches love the same food sources.

*Turn over for a RECIPE to bring LESSER GOLDFINCH to your yard. Get more information at:* WWW.TUCSONBIRDS.ORG
Recipe for Inviting Desert Finches to Your Home

**Ingredients:**
- Trees & shrubs: for perching, cover and shelter
- Water: on-the-move in a fountain or mister
- Thistle feeders: see details below
- Seeds, seeds, seeds: from these plants and more

**Directions:**
- **Layer** trees and shrubs with taller plants in back, shorter in front.
- **Grow** plants with lots of seeds, even “weedy” ones. Save dead flower heads—don’t remove until finches have eaten all the seeds.
- **Avoid** pesticides that finches might ingest.
- **Thistle feeders:** Use a sock feeder (A) or mesh tube feeder (B). Fill with thistle seed—a finch favorite—and keep clean and shaded.

Find out more on attracting finches to your yard at:

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