Your Yard Is A Good Place For Cholla Cactus Dwellers!

- **Easy maintenance:** cholla are easy to grow from cuttings, use little water, and sprout colorful flowers and whimsical shapes.
- **Garden dwellers:** these birds thrive on seeds and insects already in your garden.
- **Great architecture:** both birds use the sharp spines of chollas for nest protection. Curve-billed Thrashers build a stick nest with an open top; Cactus Wrens build one or more nests of weeds, grass and twigs with a side entrance.

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- **Dramatic characters:** Curve-billed Thrashers are handsome and cheeky; Cactus Wrens are perky and playful, and they are Arizona’s state bird!
- **Pest control:** they love to eat insects, grubs, and seeds.
- **Musical accompaniment:** Curve-billed Thrashers have a cheerful two-note call year round and a lovely spring medley. Cactus Wrens sing a rasping, comical song like an old car engine starting on a cold morning.

Turn over for a **RECIPE** to bring **CHOLLA DWELLERS** to your yard. Get more information at: [WWW.TUCSONBIRDS.ORG](http://WWW.TUCSONBIRDS.ORG)
Recipe for Inviting CHOLLA DWELLERS to Your Home

Ingredients:
- Cholla cacti, their favorite nesting site
- Bushes with dense mid-story
- Leaf litter, loose dirt, gravel, and brush piles where these birds dig for grubs and insects

Directions:
- Create an area of desert scrub with cholla and native bushes that form an umbrella like canopy so the birds can feed beneath them on the ground in the shade.
- Both species will feed on old apples and tomatoes if you cut them in half and place them outside.
- Leave a layer of dead leaves and loose gravel on the ground for them to hunt insects.
- Keep your cats indoors—they kill many birds.

Find out more on attracting cholla dwellers to your yard at: www.tucsonbirds.org