



PLANTS THAT ATTRACT BIRDS

Choosing the right plants is a crucial part in creating a bird-friendly landscape. We have helped by compiling a list of plants that have essential characteristics to provide food, water, shelter, and nesting sites for a wide variety of bird species. Note, this list does not include plants that Hummingbirds enjoy, please refer to our 'Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies' list for that information.

TREES

Abies spp. – Fir
Acer spp. - Maples
Amelanchier spp. – Serviceberry
Asimina triloba – Paw Paw
Betula spp. - Birch
Carpinus caroliniana – American Hornbeam
Carya spp. –Hickories
Cercis canadensis – Redbud
Celtis occidentalis - Hackberry
Chionanthus virginicus – American Fringetree
Cornus alnifolia – Pagoda Dogwood
Cornus florida – Flowering Dogwood
Cornus kousa – Kousa Dogwood
Cornus mas – Cornelian Cherry
Crataegus spp. – Hawthorn
Diospyros virginiana – Persimmon
Fagus grandifolia – American Beech
Fraxinus spp. - Ash
Juglans nigra – Black Walnut
Juniperus spp. – Juniper
Larix spp. - Larches
Magnolia spp. – Magnolias

Malus spp. – Apple/Crabapple
Morus spp. – Mulberry
Nyssa sylvatica – Blackgum
Ostrya virginiana – Ironwood/Hop Hornbeam
Plantanus occidentalis – American Sycamore
Plantanus x acerifolia – London Planetree
Picea abies – Norway Spruce
Picea pungens – Blue Spruce
Picea glauca – White Spruce
Pinus spp. – Pines
Populus spp. – Poplars/Aspen
Prunus virginiana – Chokecherry
Prunus serotina – Black Cherry
Prunus spp. – Cherry/Plum
Pyrus spp. – Pear
Quercus spp. - Oaks
Sassafras albidum – Sassafras
Salix spp. – Willow
Sorbus spp. – Mountain Ash
Tilia americana – Basswood
Thuja spp. – Arborvitae/Cedar
Tsuga canadensis – Canadian Hemlock

SHRUBS

Aesculus parviflora – Bottlebrush Buckeye
Aronia arbutifolia – Red Chokeberry
Aronia melanocarpa – Black Chokeberry
Callicarpa spp. – Beautyberry
Calycanthus floridus - Carolina Allspice
Ceanothus americanus – New Jersey Tea
Cephalanthus occidentalis - Buttonbush
Cornus alba – Tartarian Dogwood
Cornus amomum – Silky Dogwood
Cornus stolonifera – Redosier Dogwood
Cornus sericea – Redosier Dogwood
Corylus americana – American Hazelnut
Euonymus alatus – Burning Bush
Forsythia spp. – Forsythia
Gaylussacia spp. - Huckleberry
Hamamelis vernalis – Vernal Witch Hazel

Hamamelis virginiana – Common Witch Hazel
Ilex spp. – Holly/Winterberry
Lindera benzoin – Spicebush
Mahonia aquifolium – Oregon Grape Holly
Myrica pensylvanica – Bayberry
Physocarpus opulifolius – Ninebark
Rhus spp. – Sumac
Ribes spp. – Gooseberry/Currant
Rosa spp. - Roses
Rubus spp. – Blackberry/Raspberry
Sambucus canadensis – Elderberry
Symphoricarpos spp. – Snowberry/Coralberry
Taxus spp. – Yew
Vaccinium spp. - Blueberry
Viburnum spp. - Viburnum

PERENNIALS

Achillea spp. – Yarrow
Actaea rubra – Red Baneberry
Allium spp. – Ornamental Onion
Andropogon gerardii – Big Blue Stem
Aquilegia spp. – Columbine
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi - Bearberry
Arisaema spp. – Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Aruncus spp. – Goatsbeard
Asclepias spp. – Butterfly Weed
Aster spp. – Aster
Athyrium felix-femina – Lady Fern
Baptisia spp. - False Indigo
Bouteloua curtipendula – Side Oats Grama
Caltha palustris – Marsh Marigold
Carex spp. – Sedges
Caulophyllum thalictroides – Blue Cohosh
Chasmanthium spp. – Northern Sea Oats
Chrysogonum virginianum – Golden Star
Coreopsis spp. – Tick Seed
Cornus canadensis – Bunchberry
Deschampsia cespitosa – Tuftedhair Grass
Digitalis spp. – Foxglove
Echinacea spp. – Coneflower
Eupatorium spp. – Joe Pye Weed
Fragaria spp. - Strawberries
Gaillardia spp. – Blanket Flower
Gaultheria spp. – Wintergreen
Gaura spp. – Beeblossom
Geranium maculatum – Wild Geranium
Geum triflorum – Prairie Smoke
Helianthus spp. – Perennial Sunflower
Hibiscus moscheutos – Rose Mallow
Iris domestica – Blackberry Lily
Juncus effuses – Soft Rush
Liatris spp. – Blazing Star
Liriope muscari – Lilyturf
Lobelia cardinalis – Cardinal Flower
Lupinus spp. – Lupine
Matteuccia struthiopteris – Ostrich Fern
Monarda spp. – Bee Balm
Muehlenbergia spp. – Muhly Grass
Osmunda cinnamomea – Cinnamon Fern
Panicum spp. – Switch Grass
Phlox spp. - Phlox
Polygonatum biflorum – Solomon’s Seal
Primula spp. – Primrose
Ratibida spp. – Prairie Coneflower
Rosa rugosa – Rugosa Rose
Rudbeckia spp. – Black-eyed Susan
Scabiosa spp. - Pincushion
Schizachyrium spp. – Little Blue Stem
Sedum spp. – Sedum
Sisyrinchium spp. – Blue-eyed Grass
Solidago spp. – Goldenrod
Sporobolus heterolepis – Prairie Dropseed
Verbena hastata – Blue Vervain
Vernonia spp. - Ironweed
Veronicastrum virginicum – Culver’s Root
Viola spp. – Violets

VINES

Campsis radicans – Trumpet Vine
Celastrus scandens - Bittersweet
Lonicera sempervirens – Trumpet Honeysuckle
Ipomoea tricolor – Morning Glory
Parthenocissus quinquefolia – Virginia Creeper
Vitis spp. – Grape

ANNUALS

Amaranthus spp. – Love-Lies-Bleeding
Centaurea spp. – Bachelor’s Button
Cosmos spp. – Cosmos
Gaillardia spp. – Blanket Flower
Helianthus spp. – Sunflowers
Impatiens spp. – Impatiens
Lantana spp. – Lantana
Nigella spp. – Love-in-a-Mist
Papaver spp. – Poppies
Tithonia spp. – Mexican Sunflower
Verbena spp. – Vervain