

Plants for Birds



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You can make a difference! By choosing to plant native plants in your yard, container garden, or in community parks and schoolyards, you can make your community better for birds and the environment. Native plants provide shelter and essential food for birds, but they also help reduce the use of fertilizers and carbon-pollution-spewing lawn mowers to improve local watersheds and mitigate climate change. Below is a list of plants that occur naturally in your region.

Caterpillar plants

Warblers, vireos, chickadees, flycatchers, wrens, woodpeckers, nuthatches, and many other beloved songbirds depend these plants to provide caterpillars to feed their babies.

Black Walnut
Juglans nigra

White Ash
Fraxinus americana

Bur Oak
Quercus macrocarpa

Honey Locust
Gleditsia triacanthos

Fragrant Sumac
Rhus aromatica

Virginia Snakeroot
Aristolochia serpentaria

Canada Goldenrod
Solidago canadensis

Post Oak
Quercus stellata

Smooth Sumac
Rhus glabra

Eastern Cottonwood
Populus deltoids

Cedar Elm
Ulmus crassifolia

Cockspur Hawthorn
Crataegus crus-galli

For the fruit-loving birds

Thrushes, waxwings, orioles, mockingbirds, vireos, catbirds, woodpeckers, titmice, and wrens—they all love the berries and other fruits that provide essential energy for fall migration and winter feeding.

American Beautyberry
Callicarpa americana

Spicebush
Lindera benzoin

Rough-leaf Dogwood
Cornus drummondii

Black Cherry
Prunus serotina

Rusty Blackhaw
Viburnum rufidulum

Flameleaf Sumac
Rhus lanceolata

Red Mulberry
Morus rubra

Sugar Hackberry
Celtis laevigata

Possumhaw Holly
Ilex decidua

Texas Persimmon
Diospyros texana

Yaupon Holly
Ilex vomitoria

Virginia Creeper
Part. quinquefolia



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Nuts and seeds for the fall and winter

Jays, sparrows, buntings, doves, juncos, wood ducks, turkeys, quail, cardinals, and finches are among the many birds that depend on the energy-rich fat found in nuts and seeds.

Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
Texas Live Oak <i>Quercus fusiformis</i>	Winged Elm <i>Ulmus alata</i>
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>Canadensis</i>	Inland Sea Oats <i>Chasmanthium</i> <i>latifolium</i>
Indiangrass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Switchgrass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Big Bluestem <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>
Little Bluestem <i>Schizocyrium scoparium</i>	Composite Dropseed <i>Sporobolus compisitus</i>

Nectar-producing plants

Hummingbirds, orioles, tanagers, and mockingbirds, along with butterflies, bees, and other insects, depend on the essential sugars found in the nectar of many flowering plants.

Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Lemon Beebalm <i>Monarda citriodora</i>
Flame Acanthus <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	Red Yucca <i>Hesperaloe</i> <i>parviflora</i>
Texas Lantana <i>Lantana urticoides</i>	Crossvine <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>
Turk's Cap <i>Malvaviscus drummondii</i>	Red Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>
Trumpet Creeper <i>Campsis radicans</i>	Annual Phlox <i>Phlox drummondii</i>
Scarlet Sage <i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Coralbean <i>Erythrina herbacea</i>



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