



ATTRACTING BIRDS

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In order for birds to settle down and make *your garden* their new home, they have several requirements. First, they need a steady supply of food. Second, they need fresh water for drinking and bathing. Third, they need protective cover in the form of trees and shrubs to feel safe and secure, and to raise their young. The plants listed below are attractive to birds for the food and/or shelter they provide. The **Food** category includes flowers, foliage, nectar, berries, nuts and seeds. The **Nesting** category includes species in which birds favor to build their nests. The **Cover** category includes plants that birds favor for protection from the wind and elements, as well as for a place to roost at night. When planning your garden to attract birds, a fifty-fifty mix of evergreen and deciduous plants is ideal. Large cover trees should be sited to block prevailing northwest winter winds. An assortment of smaller trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses along the front side of this windbreak will greatly increase the appeal of your planting.

The annuals, perennials and grasses listed at the end of this sheet generally attract birds to feed on their seeds. Refrain from deadheading and allow these plants to set seed.

Plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies are listed on a separate Fact Sheet.

SMALL TREES – 15 to 25 FEET					
Botanic Name	Common Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
<i>Acer japonicum</i>	Fullmoon Maple	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Japanese Maple	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	○ / ◐	X	X	X
<i>Amelanchier</i>	Serviceberry	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	○ / ◐	X		
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Cornus kousa var .chinensis</i>	Chinese Dogwood	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Corneliancherry Dogwood	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Cornus rutgerensis</i>	Flowering Dogwood	○ / ◐	X	X	
<i>Crataegus</i>	Hawthorn	○	X	X	X
<i>Juniperus</i>	Juniper	○ / ◐	X	X	X
<i>Malus</i>	Crabapple	○	X	X	X
<i>Prunus.</i>	Cherry	○	X		
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Arborvitae	○ / ◐	X	X	X
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canadian Hemlock	○ / ●	X	X	X

Sun ○
6 hours of direct sun

Partial Sun ◐
3 hours of direct sun

Shade ●
No direct sun or
low/moderate filtered sun

MEDIUM to LARGE TREES – 25 to 60 FEET

Botanic Name	Common Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
<i>Acer</i>	Maple	○ / ●	X	X	X
<i>Betula</i>	Birch	○	X	X	
<i>Carpinus</i>	Hornbeam	○ / ●	X		
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	○	X	X	X
<i>Fagus</i>	Beech	○ / ●	X	X	
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum	○	X		X
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	○	X		X
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	○	X		
<i>Picea</i>	Spruce	○	X	X	X
<i>Pinus</i>	Pine	○ / ●	X	X	X
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	○	X		
<i>Quercus</i>	Oak	○	X	X	X
<i>Ulmus</i>	Elm	○	X	X	X

SHRUBS

<i>Aronia</i>	Chokeberry	○ / ●	X		
<i>Berberis</i>	Barberry	○	X	X	
<i>Cornus alba</i>	Redtwig Dogwood	○ / ●	X		
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood	○ / ●	X		
<i>Cotoneaster</i>	Cotoneaster	○ / ●	X		
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning Bush	○ / ●	X		
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Spring Witchhazel	○ / ●	X		
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Fall Witchhazel	○ / ●	X		
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	○ / ●	X		
<i>Ilex x meserveae</i>	Meserve Holly	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Juniperus.</i>	Juniper	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet	○ / ●	X		
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	○ / ●	X		
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Honeysuckle	○ / ●	X		
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grapeholly	○ / ●	X		
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	○ / ●	X		
<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Mugo Pine	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Firethorn	○ / ●	X	X	X
<i>Ribes</i>	Currant	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Rhus</i>	Sumac	○ / ●	X		
<i>Rosa</i>	Rugosa and Shrub Roses	○	X	X	X
<i>Rubus</i>	Blackberry, Raspberry	○	X	X	X
<i>Sambucus nigra/canadensis</i>	Elderberry	○	X		
<i>Taxus</i>	Yew	○ / ●	X	X	X
<i>Vaccinium</i>	Blueberry	○	X		
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	○ / ●	X		
<i>Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'</i>	Mohican Viburnum	○ / ●	X		
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	European Cranberrybush	○ / ●	X		

SHRUBS (cont)					
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<i>Viburnum plicatum</i> var. <i>tomentosum</i>	Doublefile Viburnum	○ / ●	X		
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	○ / ●	X		
<i>Viburnum sargentii</i> 'Onandaga'	Onandaga Viburnum	○ / ●	X		
<i>Viburnum sieboldii</i> 'Seneca'	Seneca Viburnum	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberrybush	○ / ●	X		
VINES					
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Fiveleaf Akebia	○ / ●	X		
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Porcelain Ampelopsis	○ / ●	X		
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bittersweet	○ / ●	X		
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	○ / ●	X		X
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle, Woodbine	○ / ●	X		
<i>Lonicera x heckrottii</i>	Goldflame Honeysuckle	○ / ●	X		
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	○ / ●	X		
<i>Vitis</i>	Grape	○	X		
ANNUALS			PERENNIALS		
Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name		
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Love-lies-bleeding	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow		
<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Pot Marigold	<i>Aquilegia</i>	Columbine		
<i>Celosia plumosa</i>	Celosia	<i>Asclepias</i>	Milkweed		
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelor's Buttons	<i>Aster</i>	Aster		
<i>Consolida ambigua</i>	Larkspur	<i>Coreopsis.</i>	Coreopsis, Tickseed		
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Cosmos	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace		
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Sweet William	<i>Echinacea</i>	Coneflower		
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy	<i>Echinops ritro</i>	Globe Thistle		
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower	<i>Eupatorium</i>	Joe Pye Weed		
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist	<i>Fragaria</i>	Strawberry		
<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	Iceland Poppy	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Summer Sunflower		
<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Annual Phlox	<i>Liatris</i>	Gayfeather		
<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Moss Rose	<i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Oriental Poppy		
<i>Tagetes</i>	Marigold	<i>Ratibida</i>	Prairie Coneflower		
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican Sunflower	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Black-eyed-Susan		
<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	Zinnia	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant		
GRASSES			<i>Solidago</i>	Goldenrod	
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	Ironweed		
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Gramma	<i>Viola</i>	Violet		
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern Sea Oats				
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair Grass				
<i>Koeleria glauca</i>	Blue Hair Grass				
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass				
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem				