



ATTRACTING BIRDS

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Birds would love to settle down and make *your garden* their new home. You just have to give them what they need. First is a steady supply of food. Second is fresh water for drinking and bathing. Third is 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					
Common Name	Botanic Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Arborvitae	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Cherry	<i>Prunus</i>	○	X		
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	○	X	X	X
Dogwood, Chinese	<i>Cornus kousa v. chinensis</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry	<i>Cornus mas</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus rutgersensis</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Pagoda	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	○	X	X	X
Hemlock, Canadian	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	○ / ●	X	X	X
Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Maple, Fullmoon	<i>Acer japonicum</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Maple, Japanese	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i>	○ / ◐	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					
Common Name	Botanic Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	
Birch	<i>Betula</i>	○	X	X	
Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	○	X		
Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	○	X	X	X
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	○	X	X	X
Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Maple	<i>Acer</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	○	X	X	X
Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	○	X		
Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	○	X	X	X
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	○	X		X
Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	○	X		X
SHRUBS					
Barberry	<i>Berberis</i>	○	X	X	
Bayberry, Northern	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Blackberry, Raspberry	<i>Rubus</i>	○	X	X	X
Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium</i>	○	X		
Burning Bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Chokeberry	<i>Aronia</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Currant	<i>Ribes</i>	○ / ●	X		X
Dogwood, Gray	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	○ / ●	X		
Dogwood, Redtwig	<i>Cornus alba</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus</i>	○	X		
Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	○ / ◐	X	X	X
Holly, Meserve	<i>Ilex x meserveae</i>	○ / ◐	X		X
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Juniper	<i>Juniperus.</i>	○ / ◐	X		X
Oregon Grapeholly	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Pine, Mugo	<i>Pinus mugo</i>	○ / ◐	X		X
Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Roses, Rugosa and Shrub	<i>Rosa</i>	○	X	X	X
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Sumac	<i>Rhus</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, American Cranberrybush	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	○ / ●	X		
Viburnum, Blackhaw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, Doublefile	<i>Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, European Cranberrybush	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, Mohican	<i>Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'</i>	○ / ◐	X		
Viburnum, Seneca	<i>Viburnum sieboldii 'Seneca'</i>	○ / ◐	X		X

SHRUBS (cont)					
Common Name	Botanic Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	○ / ●	X		
Witchhazel, Fall	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	○ / ●	X		
Witchhazel, Spring	<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	○ / ●	X		
Yew	<i>Taxus</i>	○ / ●	X	X	X
VINES					
Akebia, Fiveleaf	<i>Akebia quinata</i>	○ / ●	X		
Bittersweet, American	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	○ / ●	X		
Grape	<i>Vitis</i>	○	X		
Honeysuckle, Goldflame	<i>Lonicera x heckrottii</i>	○ / ●	X		
Porcelain Berry	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	○ / ●	X		
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	○ / ●	X		
Wintercreeper	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	○ / ●	X		X
ANNUALS			PERENNIALS		
Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name		
Annual Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Aster	<i>Aster</i>		
Bachelor's Buttons	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Black-eyed-Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>		
California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>		
Celosia	<i>Celosia plumosa</i>	Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>		
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i>		
Iceland Poppy	<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	Coreopsis, Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i>		
Larkspur	<i>Consolida ambigua</i>	Gayfeather	<i>Liatris</i>		
Love-in-a-mist	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>		
Love-lies-bleeding	<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops ritro</i>		
Marigold	<i>Tagetes</i>	Ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>		
Mexican Sunflower	<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium</i>		
Moss Rose	<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Milkweed	<i>Asclepias</i>		
Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Oriental Poppy	<i>Papaver orientalis</i>		
Bachelor's Buttons	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Prairie Coneflower	<i>Ratibida</i>		
California Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Strawberry	<i>Fragaria</i>		
Celosia	<i>Celosia plumosa</i>	Summer Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>		
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Violet	<i>Viola</i>		
Sweet William	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>				
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>				
GRASSES					
Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>				
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>				
Northern Sea Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>				
Sideoats Gramma	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>				
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>				
Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>				