



Native Plants to Attract Birds

Native plants are part of our rich natural heritage. These special plants are adapted to our local conditions, require less maintenance in the landscape and offer food sources for native wildlife. Native plants play a vital role in creating healthy ecosystems that can support a rich diversity of birds, insects, and other animals. Plant native!

Nectar Sources for Hummingbirds

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	2-5'	red	wet to moist
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	3-4'	pink, purple	moist to dry
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-4'	red	wet
Columbine, Eastern	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-2'	red	dry
Fire Pink	<i>Silene virginica</i>	1-2'	red	moist to avg.
Foxglove, Beard-Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	2-4'	white	wet to dry
Honeysuckle, Trumpet	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	8-15'	red, orange	medium
Jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	2-5'	orange	moist to wet
Phlox, Summer	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	2-4'	varies	moist
Swamp Rose-Mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	4-5'	pink, white	wet to moist
Trumpet-Creeper	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	25-40"	red	medium

Perennials for Seed-Eating Birds

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Bloom Color	Soil Moisture
Coneflower, Grayheaded	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	4-5'	yellow	moist to dry
Coneflower, Orange	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	2-3'	yellow	moist to dry
Coneflower, Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	2-3'	pink, purple	dry
Coreopsis, Threadleaf	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	1-3'	yellow	dry
Cup Plant	Silphium spp.	4-8"	yellow	moist to dry
Sunflower, False	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	3-4'	yellow	moist to dry
Sunflower, Woodland	<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	4-5'	yellow	dry
Tickseed, Tall	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	3-6'	yellow	moist to dry

Shrubs for Fruit-Eating Birds

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Width	Soil Moisture
Bayberry	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	2-6'	3-10'	moist to dry
Blueberry, Highbush	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	3-10'	3-10'	wet to dry
Chokeberry, Black	<i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>	3-8'	3-6'	wet to dry
Chokeberry, Red	<i>Photinia pyrifolia</i>	5-10'	4-8'	wet to dry
Dogwood, Pagoda	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	10-25'	6-15'	moist to wet
Dogwood, Red Osier/Red Twig	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	3-10'	4-8'	wet to dry
Elder, American	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	5-10'	3-8'	moist to wet
Hazelnut, American	<i>Corylus americana</i>	5-12'	4-8'	moist to dry
Holly, Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	6-10'	6-10'	moist to wet
Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	3-6'	3-6'	wet to dry
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	8-15'	6-15'	moist to wet
Viburnum, Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	6-12'	4-10'	moist to dry
Viburnum, Blackhaw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	8-15'	6-15'	moist to dry

Trees for Fruit-Eating Birds

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Width	Soil Moisture
Black Gum/Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	30-60'	20-35'	moist to wet
Cherry, Black	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	60-90'	30-50'	medium
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	12-20'	8-15'	moist
Holly, American	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	15-40'	8-15'	moist
Magnolia, Sweetbay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	20-60'	8-20'	moist to wet
Red-Cedar, Eastern	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	15-35'	3-12'	moist to dry
Shadbush	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	24-40'	8-18'	moist to dry
Shadbush, Downy	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	15-50'	15-25'	medium