

Plants to Attract Birds

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SHRUBS

Elderberry*#
Privet
Chokeberry#
Serviceberry*
Nannyberry*
Sand Cherry*#
American Plum*
Cotoneaster#

Red-twig Dogwood
Currant*
Gooseberry
Autumn Olive*#
Pyracantha#
Barberry
Buffaloberry
New Mexico Privet

Coralberry#
Snowberry#
Some Euonymus
Thimbleberry*
Raspberry*
Many Viburnums#
Nanking Cherry*#

FLOWERS

Sunflowers*
Goldenrod
Red Hot Poker
Mullein
Cosmos
Purple Coneflower#
Mexican Hat Coneflower
Black-eyed Susan#

TREES

Cherry & other fruit trees*
Hawthorn*#
Serviceberry*
Mountain-ash#
Hackberry
Chokecherry*
Mulberry*
Crabapple, especially those with persistent fruit#

VINES

Virginia Creeper*
Engleman Ivy*
Grapes
Berries Jubilee Honeysuckle
Bittersweet

* Denotes favorites

Denotes showy berries or seed heads for fall interest

Birds need food, water and shelter to live. Provide these and they will live in your yard. Include a wide variety of plants including some of the ones listed above in your landscape. Large trees, especially evergreens, are attractive to birds for nesting, roosting and protection from bad weather. Brush piles attract many different varieties of small birds.

Moving water, either in a pond, stream or fountain, is often used more than still water in a bird bath, but any unfrozen water is appreciated in winter.

Feeders will attract more birds to your yard and will concentrate them in an area easy to view. Start with open, platform type feeders that attract the widest variety of birds. Thistle feeders are very attractive to finches of all kinds. Suet feeders will attract chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers and other birds that might not otherwise come to feeders. Fresh fruit or jelly will sometimes bring in orioles in early summer.

