

Native Plants Are for the Birds

(Some native plants to support our feathered friends)

Trees and Shrubs

Wildflowers

Buckeye		Columbine
Hickory		Coneflower
Serviceberry		Joe Pye
Red or Black Chokeberry		Alum Root
Dogwood		Blazing Star
Juniper (Eastern Red Cedar)		Cardinal Flower
Spicebush		Great Blue Lobelia
Honeysuckle, Crossvine, Trumpet Vine, Virginia Creeper		Monarda
Buttonbush		Helenium
Spruce	Oaks	Helianthus
Pine	Hawthorn	Penstemon
Sumac	Viburnum	Black Eyed Susan
Elderberry	Willow	Aster
Sassafras	Cherry	Rosin Weed
Hemlock	Birch	Goldenrod
Blueberry	Crabapple	Jewelweed
Maple	Holly	Ironweed
Viburnum	Fringe Tree	Rattlesnake Master
American Beautyberry		Native Grasses

*Native plants and native birds evolved together and possibly benefit each other in ways we do not fully comprehend. Always look for native alternatives when adding a plant to your landscape.

*Cinnamon Fern and possibly Royal Fern are used as a source of nesting material for hummingbirds.

*Clump forming perennial native grasses provide seed, cover, and nesting material for birds. They also make wonderful companions to native wildflowers, are ornamental throughout the year, and are ultra low maintenance.

*Shrubs and trees of various sizes provide shelter, perches, and nesting areas for birds. Don't forget to include some evergreens in your design.

*Native plants have special benefits for butterflies, bees, and beneficial insects, too, and your baby birds will appreciate having lots of food from a healthy insect population.

*Birds also benefit from adding water, nest boxes, and feeders, and from leaving leaf litter, brush piles, and snags (standing dead trees) in the landscape. Of course, you must decide whether a dead tree is safe on a case by case basis.

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