

Attracting Birds to Your Garden

All who have closely studied birds claim that birds are an asset to the garden, therefore we should protect and encourage birds. Nearly all of our smaller wild birds live entirely on insects and their larvae during the summer months. In addition to policing our plants for harmful insects, the presence of birds in our garden is pleasing to both the eye and the ear. Many shrubs which will enhance our landscape will also provide food and nesting areas for our native birds.

Plants Attractive to Birds

** F - Fruit, P - Protection, N - Nesting**

Shrubs		Value	Principal Birds Attracted
<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Glossy Abelia	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Berberis</i>	Barberry	F, P, N	Chipping, Song & Sparrows
<i>Buddleia</i>	Butterfly Bush	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning Bush	F, P, N	Brown Thrasher, Cardinal, Finches
<i>Forsythia</i>	Forsythia	N	Sparrow, Robin, Cardinal
<i>Hemerocallis</i>	Daylily	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Hibiscus</i>	Hibiscus	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	FRUIT	Bluebirds, Brown Thrushes, Cedar Waxwings
<i>Lonicera</i>	Honeysuckle	F, N	Catbird, Robin, Wood Thrush
<i>Pyracantha</i>	Firethorn	F, P, N	Mockinbirds, Thrashers, Cedar Waxwings
<i>Rosa</i>	Roses	N	Catbird, Cardinal, Thrasher, Sparrow
<i>Spirea</i>	Spirea	N	Warbler, Wood Thrush, Robin
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	European Cranberry Bush	F, P, N	Bluebird, Robin, Wood Thrush
<i>Viburnum plicatum</i>	Doublefile Viburnum	F, P, N	Cedar Waxwing, Robin, Finch
<i>Viburnum setigerum</i>	Tea Viburnum	F, P, N	Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch

Trees		Value	Principal Birds Attracted
<i>Albizia</i>	Mimosa	NECTAR	Hummingbird
<i>Amelanchier</i>	Serviceberry	F, N	Blue Jay, Cardinal, Flicker
<i>Betula</i>	Birch	F	Goldfinch, Warbler
<i>Cornus</i>	Dogwood	F, N	Thrasher, Finch, Robin
<i>Malus</i>	Apple, Crabapple	N	Many-Bluebird, Flicker, Hummingbird, Finch
<i>Quercus</i>	Oak	P, N	Robin, Nuthatches, Thrush, Grosbeak

Evergreens & Vines		Value	Principal Birds Attracted
<i>Azalea</i>	All Azaleas	P, NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Campsis</i>	Trumpet Vine	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Clematis</i>	Clematis	NECTAR	Hummingbirds
<i>Ilex</i>	Blue Holly	F, P, N	Waxwing, Flicker, Robin
<i>Juniperus</i>	Juniper	F, P, N	Bluebird, Cardinal, Sparrow
<i>Lonicera</i>	Honeysuckle	F, P, N	Bluebird, Sparrow, Goldfinch
<i>Picea</i>	Spruce	F, P, N	Finch, Grosbeak, Grouse, Crossbill
<i>Pinus</i>	White Pine	P, N	Blue Jay, Finch, Mourning Dove
<i>Taxus</i>	Yew	P, N	Finch, Robin, Grosbeak
<i>Tsuga</i>	Hemlock	F, P, N	Robin, Warbler, Chickadee

Birds prefer a mixture of both massed plantings and open spaces. A water supply for drinking and bathing is a must! Inviting birds to your garden will provide natural insect control, beautiful attractive sights, pleasant sounds and an educational experience for adults and children. We wish you luck with your adventure!