Plants for Birds

John Rowden, Director of Community Conservation

Western Tanager

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![Image of a barn, birds, and trees]![Image of wind turbines]![Image of hands holding a bird]
Bird-Friendly Communities

Meeting birds’ needs in the places people live

Food
Shelter
Safe Passage
Places to raise young
Contiguous landscape of great diversity of native plants

Photo by Sarah McDevitt (Creative Commons)
43% of U.S. is now developed as suburban or urban areas, the “suburban/urban matrix”

Plants in suburban and urban areas tend to be about 80% NON-native
Oaks: 557 species of caterpillars

Ginkgo: 5 species of caterpillars

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96% of land birds feed insects to their chicks

American Kestrel

Photo by Christopher Ciccone
Nestling chickadees eat 390-570 caterpillars per day, or...

...over 9,000 caterpillars until they fledge
Insects

Photo by Doug Tallamy

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Plants for Birds: Native Plants Are Better for Birds

Photo by David Liittschwager
Connection to the grass roots

Audubon’s network understands the importance of native plants

Photo by Audubon Pennsylvania
Plants for Birds: approach

Support the Audubon Network

Promote Individual Action

Photo by Anne Swaim

Photo by Kim Brand
Dear John,

As a member of the Audubon community, your thoughts and opinions are tremendously valuable to us. **We'd like to hear about why creating bird-friendly communities is important to you.**

Today I’m inviting you to take a special **survey** so you can share your thoughts with us on building bird-friendly communities. **Please take our brief survey by clicking here.**

The **survey** should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and will only be open for a short period of time. Click on the link below or copy and paste the address into your Internet browser’s address window to begin:

**Take Survey Now >**
What plants are native to my area?

What birds can I attract?

How can I get local support?
Bring more birds to your home with native plants

Enter your zip code to use Audubon's native plants database and view a list of the best plants for birds in your area, as well as local resources and links to more information. By entering your email address, you'll receive an emailed list of the native plants you've selected, get additional tips on creating your bird-friendly habitat, and help us keep track of your contributions to our efforts to get 1 million native plants for birds in the ground. Privacy Policy

Purple Coneflower and American Goldfinch. Photo: Will Stuart
Plants for Birds

Native Plants Database

Search 98115  Search

We’ve found native plants for your zip code. The nearest Audubon offering native plant services is Seattle Audubon Society in Seattle, WA. They can help.

Best Results 38  Full Results 158  Local Resources  Next Steps

The Best Results for your area have been hand-selected by Audubon experts in your region. They are important bird resources that are relatively easy to grow and are available at native plant nurseries. Filter your results by types of plants, resources, and the bird families you’d like to attract, or search for specific plant names. Add plants to your list by selecting the checkbox below each plant profile. Then click the orange “Get your plant list” button below to receive an emailed list.

Add all plants below to your list | Clear List

Sort by: Common Name | Scientific Name

Ash-Leaf Maple (*Acer negundo*)

Also known as Box Elder. A fast-growing and fairly short-lived tree that grows up to 80 feet tall. It often has several trunks and can form thickets. Produces winged seeds that birds and squirrels feed on.

Beaked Hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*)

A deciduous shrub that can reach 20 feet high and 10 feet wide, with pinnately compound leaves and white flowers. The nuts are an important food source for birds.

Add to your plant list

Waxwings  Cardinals & Grosbeaks
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Vines
- Annuals/Per.
- Grasses
- Succulents
- Shrubs
- Trees
- Vines
- Evergreen

Clear all filters

All plant resources Attracts: Any type of bird

Sort by: Common Name | Scientific Name

Creeping Snowberry (Symphoricarpos mollis)

A creeping shrub that only reaches about 1 1/2 feet in height, it is ideal for smaller gardens or use as a ground cover in the landscape. It is an upright-growing shrub that produces purple fruits. It is tolerant of many conditions.

Add to your plant list

Thrushes Waxwings
Plants for Birds

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All types of plants

Nectar
- Nectar
- Fruit
- Butterflies
- Caterpillars
- Nuts
- Seeds

Attracts: Any type of bird

Sort by: Common Name | Scientific Name

Add all plants below to your list | Clear

Bluebell-of-Scotland (Campanula

Also known as a herbaceous perennial that grows 1-2 feet tall. It produces nodding flowers on delicate stalks in summer.

Annuals/Per. Nectar

Add to your plant list

Hummingbirds

Crimson Columbine (Aquilegia formosa)

Also known as Western Columbine. Similar in appearance to the Eastern Red Columbine, Aquilegia...
Plants for Birds

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All types of plants  All plant resources

Filter by plant name  Clear all filters

Add all plants below to your list  Clear List

Black Hawthorn (Crataegus douglasii)

A medium-sized shrub that grows up to 20 feet tall with dense branches and thorns. It produces purple to black fruits.

Shrubs  Trees  Fruit  Butterflies  Caterpillars

Mockingbirds & Thrashers
- Crows & Jays
- Thrushes
- Hummingbirds
- Wood Warblers
- Nuthatches
- Mockingbirds & Thrashers
- Wrens

Cascade Oregon-Grape (Mahonia nervosa)

A low-growing creeping shrub with dark green holly-like leaves. It produces bright yellow flowers in late winter or early spring.

Shrubs  Trees  Fruit  Butterflies  Caterpillars

Mockingbirds & Thrashers  Crows & Jays
We’ve found native plants for your zip code. The nearest Audubon offering native plant services is **Seattle Audubon Society** in Seattle, WA. They can help.

Your local Audubon center, state office, or chapter can be a great source of native plant information. Below are the Audubon locations closest to you, along with the native plant services they offer. (In some parts of the country you may not have a "local" Audubon that is able to provide help with native plants for birds, but we will still show you the closest local Audubon that can help.)

Further down the page you will find other local and regional resources, as well as nurseries that may be able to provide native plants that benefit birds.

(If you are responsible for native plant programming at a local Audubon center, state office, or chapter and would like your organization to be listed here as a resource, we’d love to have your participation; please click here to provide us with your information.)

**Seattle Audubon Society**
- 8050 35th Avenue NE
- Seattle, WA 98115
- (206) 523-8243 x12
- [Visit Site](#)

**Services provided at Seattle Audubon Society**
- Education programs & presentations
- Native plant sales

**Eastside Audubon Society**
- PO Box 3115
- Kirkland, WA 98083-3115
- (425) 576-8805
- [Visit Site](#)

**Services provided at Eastside Audubon Society**
- Education programs & presentations
- Habitat installation/restoration projects
- Habitat recognition/certification
# Plants for Birds

## More Local and Regional Resources

Local and regional native plant societies, databases, and other resources may have expertise on exactly what plants are best for your particular area and climate.

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## Where to Buy Native Plants Near You

The nurseries listed at the right are likely a good place to start. (The native plants movement is just beginning, so your mileage may vary with these nurseries.) It's a good idea to call ahead to verify native stocks. Another helpful resource may be native plant societies near you. Read more on buying native plants.

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## Online Native Plant Retailers

These online retailers service your area and may be a source of native plants, depending on your needs.

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<td>Telos Rare Bulbs</td>
<td>PO Box 1067</td>
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<td>Forest Farm</td>
<td>990 Tetherow Road</td>
<td>(541) 975-44-9599</td>
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Direct Seed Sales (Wholesale Only)

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(September 2016 – October 2017)

- Page views: 613,342
- Individual users: 134,364 (36% new)
- Users spend over 9 minutes browsing on average
Plants for Birds Database

Feedback and updates

Native Plants Database

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Plants for Birds

Support the Audubon Network
Tools and resources for Centers and Chapters

Promote Individual Action
Connect database users to Audubon Network

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Plants for Birds **Tools and Resources**

Pileated Woodpecker

- Audubon.org
- Audubon Works
- Network staff
- Peer to peer support
How One Neighborhood Saved Millions of Gallons of Water With Native Plants

By installing water-saving appliances and less thirsty native plants, this Colorado community saved 15 million gallons of water in just one year.
PLANTS FOR BIRDS

Choose native plants to bring birds to your home and provide them with essential food and shelter. Find the best bird-friendly plants for your area at audubon.org/nativeplants.

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Plants for Birds Toolkit

Plants for Birds

Bring Birds to Your Home with Native Plants

Did you know that wherever you live, some careful plant choices can turn your garden, patio, or balcony into a more beautiful and environmentally friendly space, while helping to protect birds? Grow native plants to help bird populations across the country adapt and thrive, now and in the future.

Without native plants, our birds cannot thrive.
To raise one nest of chickadee babies, parents must find up to 9,000 caterpillars to feed them. Native oak trees host caterpillars of 534 butterfly and moth species. Non-native ginkgo trees host just 5.

No caterpillars? No birds.

By choosing plants that naturally occur where you live, you'll provide both resident and migratory birds with the essential insects, fruit, seeds, and shelter they need year-round—while also helping them adapt and survive in the face of climate change.

Photos: Front, clockwise from top left: Will Stuart, Timothy Lemen/Audubon
Photography Awards; Tom Kowert/Audubon, Steve and Cade Hastwell.
This page, Chestnut-backed Chickadee (black)

Find bird-friendly plants for your area with Audubon's native plants database at audubon.org/native-plants.

Go to audubon.org/plantsforbirds to get started and find information and tips on creating your bird-friendly space.
Plants for Birds Resources

Shared Network Resource Center

Templates
Curricula
Advocacy materials
Presentations

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Plants for Birds Metrics Report

Thank you for entering your Plants for Birds metrics. Your input is crucial to help us understand the impact of the program.

Email address *
Valid email address
This form is collecting email addresses. Change settings

Name *
Short answer text

Organization *
Short answer text

State abbreviation (e.g., CA, NY, MS) *
Short answer text

Primary event or metric type *
- Planting, plant sale/donation, invasive removal (may include educational or outreach programming)
- School planting and classroom lesson programs (may include planting)
- Educational programs (no planting or plant sale/donation)
- Outreach/tabling (no planting or plant sale/donation)
- Volunteer or staff training
- Habitat certification, improvement, or consultation
- Other program metrics
Program Goals

- Deliver authoritative information about birds and plants anywhere in the continental US.

- Empower and encourage people everywhere to plant native species.

- Support the great work being done in the Audubon network, replicate successes, and show collective impacts.
Black-chinned Hummingbird

Plant Native Plants
Save Birds
Everyone Can Help
Plants for Birds Can Empower People Everywhere

Terresa Carter Wotring
Baltimore, Maryland

Patterson Park Audubon Center
50% of patio in native plants
Urban conservationist since 2013

Photo by Susie Creamer
Steve Nelson
Missoula, Montana
Five Valleys Audubon Society
75% of yard in native plants
Gardening for birds since 1995

Photo by Marina Richie
Scaling BFC and Plants for Birds

We’ll achieve systemic change by leveraging up from personal and local action

System

Government, Industry
Policy changes, supply-chain shifts

NGOs
Comprehensive plans, strategy shifts

Sites
Strategic demonstration areas

Local

Personal, Individual
Deeper commitments, greater visibility
Plants for Birds Building to scale

Supply chain/availability
Retail outreach
Larger retailers
Online retailers

Toolkit
Templates
Best practices
Peer-based training

Good starts in the garden
Choose native plants, bird-friendly and beautiful
Plant finder at audubon.org/native-plants
Plants for Birds Building to scale

Ordinances/legislation
HOAs
Municipalities
States

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Let’s grow 10 million bird-friendly plants together

Rufous Hummingbird

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Audubon’s Plants for Birds Program:
http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds

Search the Native Plants Database:
http://www.audubon.org/native-plants

Plants for Birds Toolkit on Audubon Works:
https://works.audubon.org/groups/native-plants-native-birds
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