



ATTRACTING BIRDS

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Attracting birds is easy if you provide for their basic needs. First, give them a steady supply of food. Second, give them fresh water for drinking and bathing. Third, give them protective cover in the form of trees and shrubs so they feel safe and secure, and to raise their young. The plants listed below are attractive to birds for the food and/or shelter they provide. The **Food** category includes flowers, foliage, nectar, berries, nuts and seeds. The **Nesting** category includes species birds favor to build their nests. The **Cover** category includes species birds favor for protection from the wind and elements, as well as for a place to roost at night. When planning your garden to attract birds, a 50/50 mix of evergreen and deciduous plants is ideal. Large cover trees should be sited to block prevailing northwest winter winds. An assortment of smaller trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses along the front side of this windbreak will greatly increase the appeal of your planting.

The annuals, perennials and grasses listed at the end of this sheet generally attract birds to feed on their seeds. Refrain from deadheading and allow these plants to set seed.

Plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds are listed on a separate Fact Sheet.

SMALL TREES 15-25'				
Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Alder <i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	○/◐	X	X	X
Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	○/◐	X	X	X
Cherry <i>Prunus</i>	○	X		
Crabapple <i>Malus</i>	○	X	X	X
Dogwood, Chinese <i>Cornus kousa</i> var. <i>chinensis</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry <i>Cornus mas</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Flowering <i>Cornus</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Dogwood, Pagoda <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Fringetree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	○/◐	X		
Hawthorn <i>Crataegus</i>	○	X	X	X
Hemlock, Canadian <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	○/●	X	X	X
Juniper <i>Juniperus</i>	○/◐	X	X	X
Maple, Fullmoon <i>Acer japonicum</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Maple, Japanese <i>Acer palmatum</i>	○/◐	X	X	
Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier</i>	○/◐	X	X	

Exposure: Sun ○ 6 hours direct sun
 Part Sun ◐ 4 hours direct sun
 Shade ● Less than 3 hours direct sun

MEDIUM TO LARGE TREES 25-60'				
Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Beech <i>Fagus</i>	○/●	X	X	
Birch <i>Betula</i>	○	X	X	
Black Gum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	○	X		
Elm <i>Ulmus</i>	○	X	X	X
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	○	X	X	X
Hornbeam <i>Carpinus</i>	○/●	X		
Maple <i>Acer</i>	○/●	X	X	X
Oak <i>Quercus</i>	○	X	X	X
Pine <i>Pinus</i>	○/●	X	X	X
Quaking Aspen <i>Populus tremuloides</i>	○	X		
Spruce <i>Picea</i>	○	X	X	X
Sweetgum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	○	X		X
Tulip Tree <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	○	X		X
SHRUBS				
Barberry <i>Berberis</i>	○	X	X	
Bayberry, Northern <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	○/●	X		
Blackberry, Raspberry <i>Rubus</i>	○	X	X	X
Blueberry <i>Vaccinium</i>	○	X		
Burning Bush <i>Euonymus alatus</i>	○/●	X		
Chokeberry <i>Aronia</i>	○/●	X		
Cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster</i>	○/●	X		
Currant <i>Ribes</i>	○/●	X		X
Dogwood, Gray <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	○/●	X		
Dogwood, Redtwig <i>Cornus alba</i>	○/●	X		
Elderberry <i>Sambucus</i>	○	X		
Firethorn <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	○/●	X	X	X
Holly, Meserve <i>Ilex x meserveae</i>	○/●	X		X
Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	○/●	X		
Juniper <i>Juniperus</i> .	○/●	X		X
Oregon Grapeholly <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	○/●	X		
Pine, Mugo <i>Pinus mugo</i>	○/●	X		X
Privet <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	○/●	X		
Roses, Rugosa and Shrub <i>Rosa</i>	○	X	X	X
Spicebush <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	○/●	X		
Sumac <i>Rhus</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, Cranberrybush <i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, Arrowwood <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, Blackhaw <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, Doublefile <i>Viburnum plicatum</i> var. <i>tomentosum</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, European Cranberrybush <i>Viburnum opulus</i>	○/●	X		
Viburnum, Mohican <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	○/●	X		

SHRUBS (cont)				
Name	Exposure	Food	Nesting	Cover
Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	○/◐	X		
Witchhazel, Fall <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	○/●	X		
Witchhazel, Spring <i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	○/●	X		
Yew <i>Taxus</i>	○/●	X	X	X
VINES				
Akebia, Fiveleaf <i>Akebia quinata</i>	○/●	X		
Bittersweet, American <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	○/◐	X		
Grape <i>Vitis</i>	○	X		
Honeysuckle, Goldflame <i>Lonicera x heckrottii</i>	○/◐	X		
Porcelain Berry <i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	○/◐	X		
Virginia Creeper <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	○/●	X		
Wintercreeper <i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	○/◐	X		X
ANNUALS		PERENNIALS		
Annual Phlox <i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Aster <i>Aster</i>			
Bachelor's Buttons <i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Black-eyed-Susan <i>Rudbeckia</i>			
California Poppy <i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Columbine <i>Aquilegia</i>			
Celosia <i>Celosia plumosa</i>	Compass Plant <i>Silphium laciniatum</i>			
Cosmos <i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Coneflower <i>Echinacea</i>			
Iceland Poppy <i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	Coreopsis, Tickseed <i>Coreopsis</i>			
Larkspur <i>Consolida ambigua</i>	Gayfeather <i>Liatris</i>			
Love-in-a-mist <i>Nigella damascena</i>	Goldenrod <i>Solidago</i>			
Love-lies-bleeding <i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Globe Thistle <i>Echinops ritro</i>			
Marigold <i>Tagetes</i>	Ironweed <i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>			
Mexican Sunflower <i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Joe Pye Weed <i>Eupatorium</i>			
Moss Rose <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Milkweed <i>Asclepias</i>			
Pot Marigold <i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Oriental Poppy <i>Papaver orientalis</i>			
Sunflower <i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Prairie Coneflower <i>Ratibida</i>			
Sweet William <i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Strawberry <i>Fragaria</i>			
Zinnia <i>Zinnia elegans</i>	Summer Sunflower <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>			
GRASSES		Violet <i>Viola</i>		
Big Bluestem <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>				
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>				
Northern Sea Oats <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>				
Sideoats Gramma <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>				
Switch Grass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>				
Tufted Hair Grass <i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>				