



Native Plants for Birds

Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

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SHRUBS	Comments	Height	# bird species
Arrowood Viburnum	<i>excellent cover and nesting site, blue fruit</i>	up to 15'	29
American Beautyberry	<i>beautiful clusters of purple berries</i>	3-6'	12
Buttonbush	<i>feeds waterfowl, butterflies, and provides nest sites</i>	3-12'	8
Chokeberry	<i>supports cedar waxwings and other birds, beautiful fall foliage</i>	2-8'	12
Devil's Walking Stick	<i>distinctive thorns, fruit important to birds and mammals</i>	10-13'	15
Farkleberry	<i>late maturing fruits provide much needed winter food</i>	up to 30'	10
Huckleberry	<i>turkey, quail, and other ground birds depend on these</i>	1-5'	51
Possumhaw (Deciduous holly)	<i>provides winter food for bluebirds & many others</i>	5-10'	12
Native Rose	<i>hips provide fruit for birds</i>	4-8'	20
Red Buckeye	<i>attracts hummingbirds</i>	12-15'	12
Spicebush	<i>preferred by wood thrushes and veeries</i>	6-8	20
GRASSES	Grasses feed threatened grassland birds.	Height	
Bluestem, little and big	<i>blue tint prairie, glade grass; larval food plant for skippers</i>	up to 6'	
Indian Grass	<i>beautiful grass; favorite of native grass lovers</i>	up to 4'	
Inland Sea Oats, River Oats	<i>easy to control, larval food for some butterflies & skippers</i>	up to 4'	
VINES	important for bird nesting, hummingbirds, butterflies, insect & fruit-eating birds		# bird species
Cross Vine	<i>less invasive than trumpet vine</i>		8
Coral (Trumpet) Honeysuckle	<i>attracts hummingbirds, finches, cardinals; provides cover</i>		8
Partridgeberry	<i>small evergreen vine; berries; flowers</i>		8
Passionvine	<i>loved by gulf, variegated fritillaries, adults caterpillars</i>		12
Pipevine	<i>larval food plant for pipevine swallowtail</i>		12
Trumpet Vine	<i>attracts hummingbirds</i>		8
Virginia Creeper	<i>great fall color, clip to control creeping</i>		35
Wild Grapes	<i>muscadine, possum, cat, and fox grapes</i>		52
WILDFLOWERS	Flower seeds are a great source for birds. Butterflies and their larvae feed birds.		
Asters	<i>larval food for pearl crescent & silvery checkerspot</i>		

WILDFLOWERS (continued)	Comments		
Bee-balm (Monardia)	<i>nectar for hummingbirds; many butterflies</i>		
Black-eyed Susan	<i>nectar for butterflies; seeds/cover for birds</i>		
Blanketflower (Gaillardia)	<i>nectar for butterflies; seeds & cover for birds</i>		
Butterfly weed	<i>attracts nectaring butterflies; monarch larval food</i>		
Cardinal flower	<i>loved by butterflies and hummingbirds</i>		
Coneflower, pale & purple	<i>attractive to butterflies for nectar and birds for seeds</i>		
Coreopsis, tickseed, lance-leaf	<i>buckeyes, skippers, painted ladies & other butterflies sip nectar</i>		
Gay Feather (Liatris)	<i>attractive to many butterflies</i>		
Helen's Flower, Helenium	<i>Loved by butterflies</i>		
Indigo, several varieties	<i>larval food plant for several butterflies</i>		
Mexican Hat	<i>Provides nectar for butterflies, seed for birds</i>		
Joe Pye Weed	<i>nectar plant for spicebush swallowtail and others</i>		
Milkweeds	<i>required by monarch caterpillars; attracts butterflies</i>		
Phlox, many choices	<i>Carl Hunter's favorite butterfly attractor</i>		
Sunflower (ashy, narrow-leaf, sawtooth)	<i>attracts sulphurs & other butterflies; seeds for birds</i>		
Wild Bergamont (Yarrow)	<i>attracts hummingbirds & butterflies</i>		
TREES	Important in providing shelter and food	Height	# bird species
American Holly	<i>provides winter food for birds, can live 200 years</i>	30-50'	12
Black Cherry	<i>larval food for tiger swallowtail, other butterflies</i>	30-45'	47
Black Gum	<i>berries feed many birds.</i>	30-50'	20
Flowering Dogwood	<i>seeds eaten by songbirds and gamebirds</i>	20-40'	34
Pawpaw	<i>larval food for zebra swallowtail, wildlife loves fruit.</i>	20-30'	
Persimmon	<i>orange fruits are food source for wildlife & people</i>	30-50'	11
Pin Oak	<i>grows rapidly, large crown, nice shade</i>	50-70'	29
Redbud	<i>provides nectar, host plant for several moths</i>	20-30'	12
Red Mulberry	<i>great fruits for wildlife; can make a mess on ground</i>	25-40'	44
Serviceberry	<i>reddish berries attract numerous birds</i>	20-25'	19

Non-native, non-invasive butterfly additions include lantana, parsley, and fennel.

Other butterfly/bird attractors are cedar, pine, willow, elm, red maple, and birch trees.

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NOTES: 1. Save native plants during home construction, add them to your landscape. 2. Birds need more than birdseed. Provide natural cover, nest sites, natural food, water 3. Bird & butterfly plantings add living color to your yard.