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PL-4 Attracting Birds to Your Garden

Attracting birds to a garden gives a different perspective and interest to a garden. Watching birds feeding, chasing and playing can offer many relaxing and entertaining hours to the gardener. Planning a garden to attract birds can be accomplished by simply putting out a feeder and some water, though the greatest mix of bird species occurs where several habitats come together. With the right mix of trees, shrubs, vines and lawn, the needs of many bird species can be met. Backyard bird-watching allows gardeners to reclaim a very small part of the natural world lost to them by houses and shopping centers. The following is a list of the major species and varieties of trees that will grow in our area and attract birds.

Trees

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| Alpine Fir | Seeds-insects-shelter | Grand Fir | Seeds-insects-shelter |
| American Holly | Fruit-shelter | Hedge Maple | Buds-seeds-shelter |
| American Sweet Gum | Seeds-shelter | Mountain Ash | Fruit-shelter |
| Amur Maple | Buds-seeds-shelter | Norway Spruce | Seeds-shelter |
| Black Alder | Seeds-pollen-shelter | Pines | Seeds-shelter |
| Burr Oak | Acorns-insects-shelter | Plum | Fruit-shelter |
| Canada Hemlock | Seed-shelter | River Birch | Buds-seeds-insects |
| Cherry | Fruit-shelter | Rocky Mtn. Maple | Buds-seeds-shelter |
| Cockspur Hawthorn | Fruit-insects-shelter | Serviceberry | Fruit |
| Colorado Blue Spruce | Seeds-shelter | Swamp White Oak | Acorns-insects-shelter |
| Colorado Green Spruce | Seeds-shelter | Thinleaf Alder | Seeds-pollen-shelter |
| Common Hackberry | Fruit-shelter | Utah Juniper | Fruit-shelter |
| Concolor Fir | Seeds-insects-shelter | Washington Hawthorn | Fruit-insects-shelter |
| Crabapples | Fruit-shelter | Western Hackberry | Fruit-shelter |
| Engelmann Spruce | Seeds-shelter | Western Hemlock | Seeds-shelter |
| European Mtn. Ash | Fruit-shelter | Western Juniper | Fruit-shelter |
| Flowering Dogwood | Fruit-insects-shelter | Western Larch | Seeds-shelter |
| Gambell Oak | Acorns-insects-shelter | White Mulberry | Fruit-shelter |

Shrubs

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| Alpine Currant | Flowers-fruit-insects | Red Elderberry | Fruit-shelter |
| American Elderberry | Fruit-shelter | Red Tip Photinia | Fruit-shelter |
| Barberry | Fruit-shelter | Redtwig Dogwood | Fruit-insects-shelter |
| Burning Bush | Fruit-shelter | Rose | Fruit-shelter |
| Common Snowberry | Fruit-flowers | Serviceberry | Fruit |
| Coralberry | Fruit-flowers | Tatarian Honeysuckle | Fruit-insects-shelter |
| Cotoneaster | Fruit-shelter | Viburnum species | Fruit-shelter-insects |
| Father Hugo Rose | Fruit-shelter | Western Sand Cherry | Fruit-shelter |
| Firethorn/Pyracantha | Fruit-shelter | Yellowtwig Dogwood | Fruit-insects-shelter |
| Golden Currant | Flowers-fruit-insects | | |
| Goldflame Honeysuckle (vine) | Fruit-insects-shelter | | |
| Harison's Yellow-Austrian Copper Rose | Fruit-shelter | | |
| Holly | Fruit-shelter | | |
| Japanese Honeysuckle (vine) | Fruit-insects-shelter | | |
| Nanking Cherry | Fruit-shelter | | |
| Oregon Grape | Fruit-shelter | | |
| Purple Leaf Plum | Fruit-shelter | | |

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Annuals

Ageratum
Alyssum
Calendula
Cosmos
Four O'Clocks
Lantana
Marigold
Mexican Bush Sage
Mexican Sunflower
Morning Glory
Nasturtiums
Nicotiana
Pentas
Petunia
Pineapple Sage
Portulaca
Snapdragon
Sunflower
Verbena
Zinnia

Perennials

Ajuga
Aster
Bearded Tongue
Bellflower
Black-eyed Susan
Brown-eyed Susan
Butterfly Weed
Cardinal Flower
Columbine
Coneflower
Coral Bells
Coreopsis
Dame's Rocket
Daylily
Delphinium
Evening Primrose
Forget-me-not
Foxglove
Gaillardia
Gentian
Goldenrod
Hibiscus
Hollyhock
Indian Paintbrush
Joe-pye Weed

Laitris
Mallow
Mullein
Penstemon
Phlox
Primrose
Red Hot Poker
Sage
Scabiosa
Sedum
St. Johns Wort
Statice
Sweet William
Thistle
Yarrow

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