

Support Birds with Bird-Friendly **GARDEN PLANTS**

Here are 14 North American plant species that support birds. See a plant you like that doesn't fit your space or location? There may be a similar plant more suitable to your habitat. Try searching for plants native to your area in the same genus.

Herbs, Forbs, and Vines



Black-eyed Susan Rudbeckia hirta

Other names: Common Black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan Native range: Canada from British Columbia east to Quebec and Nova Scotia. Native or naturalized throughout the entire U.S. **Care:** Annual/perennial; needs full sun and dry to moist, well-drained soil. Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, small seed- and insect-eating birds.



Trees and Shrubs

American Hazelnut Corylus americana

Other names: American Filbert

Native range: From Manitoba to Texas and eastward, except Florida and the far eastern coast of Canada.

Care: Perennial; prefers partial shade to shade and dry to moist, rich, well-drained soil.

Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, seed- and insect-eating birds. Good cover and nesting location.



California Fuchsia Epilobium canum

Other names: Hummingbird Trumpet, Zauschneria Native range: Western United States from Washington to New Mexico. **Care:** Perennial; prefers full sun and dry to moist, well-drained soil. Attracts: Hummingbirds, bees.



Common Serviceberry Amelanchier arborea

Other names: Downy Serviceberry, Shadbush, Juneberry, Junebush, Shadblow, Sarvis

Native range: Southeastern Canada New Brunswick to Quebec and Ontario. Eastern U.S. from Maine to Minnesota to Texas.

Care: Perennial; can handle sun to shade. Prefers moist, well-drained, acid soil.

Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, fruit- and insect-eating birds.



Common Sunflower Helianthus annuus

Other names: Annual Sunflower Native range: Manitoba, Canada to Texas and westward. Not native but naturalized to the eastern U.S. **Care:** Annual; prefers full sun and dry soil. Attracts: Bees, seed-eating birds.



Common Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*

Other names: Winterberry, Michigan Holly, Black Alder

Native range: Quebec and Ontario in Canada, down through the eastern U.S. from Florida to eastern Texas and up to Minnesota.

Care: Perennial; tolerates full sun to full shade and moist or wet soil. Needs lots of water and tolerates poorly-drained soil.

Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds. Good cover and nesting location.



Coral Honeysuckle Lonicera sempervirens

Other names: Coral Honeysuckle, Trumpet Honeysuckle, Woodbine

Native range: Eastern U.S. from Maine to Florida and west to Illinois, lowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Care: Perennial; prefers full or partial sun and moist, preferably rich soil. Will need a structure to climb.

Attracts: Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, fruit-eating birds.

Flowering Dogwood Cornus florida

Other names: Virginia Dogwood, Florida Dogwood, White Cornel, Arrowwood, American Boxwood, Corona de San Pedro

Native range: Ontario, Canada; southern Maine to Florida in the U.S., west to Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois; Coahuila to Veracruz, Mexico.

Care: Perennial; prefers partial shade to shade and dry to moist, rich, well-drained, acid soil.

Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, fruit-, insect-eating birds.



Gray Goldenrod Solidago nemoralis

Other names: Prairie Goldenrod, Oldfield Goldenrod, Dyersweed Goldenrod, Dwarf Goldenrod, Field Goldenrod

Native range: Across southern Canada. Native in the U.S. from Montana to Texas and eastward. Native range extends south to Durango in Mexico. **Care:** Perennial; prefers full sun and sandy, clay or gravel soil. Plant in dry soil. Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, seed- and insect-eating birds.



Pacific Dogwood Cornus nuttallii

Other names: Pacific Flowering Dogwood, Mountain Dogwood

Native range: British Columbia down the Pacific coast through California. Also native to Idaho.

Care: Perennial; tolerant of full sun to full shade. Needs dry or moist, rich, well-drained soil.

Attracts: Fruit-eating birds.



Red Twig Dogwood Cornus sericea

Other names: Red Osier Dogwood, Red Osier, Red-twig Dogwood Native range: Canada, Alaska, and the northern and western continental U.S.

Care: Perennial; can handle full sun to full shade, with well-drained soil. Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds.



Saskatoon Serviceberry Amelanchier alnifolia

Other names: Western Serviceberry, Juneberry, Saskatoon

Native range: Along the Pacific coast from Alaska to California. East to Quebec in Canada, Minnesota to New Mexico in the U.S.

Care: Perennial; can handle full sun to full shade. Prefers dry to moist, well-drained soil.

Attracts: Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds.

Sources: The Biota of North America Program (BONAP), North American Plant Atlas; Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Plant Database; National Audubon Society, Native Plants Database; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), PLANTS Database







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New England Aster Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

Other names: New England American Aster

Native range: From Quebec to Alberta in Canada, south through the U.S. into North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, and Kansas and west to the eastern Great Plains. Also native to the mountains of Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

Care: Perennial; prefers light shade and moist soil.

Attracts: Hummingbirds, butterflies, caterpillars, bees, seed- and insect-eating birds.

Wild Bergamot Monarda fistulosa

Native range: Most of southern Canada and part of the Northwest Territories, most of the United States except California and Florida. Northeastern Mexico.

Care: Perennial; prefers full sun to partial shade, dry to moist soil.

Attracts: Hummingbirds, butterflies, caterpillars, bees, insect- and nectar-eating birds.

Other names: Beebalm