

A Garden for the Birds
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N= Native Plant

Bird Friendly Shrubs and Small Trees

Red-Osier Dogwood (*Cornus Sericea*) N
Grey Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*) N
Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) N
Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*) N
Wild Rose (*Rosa Virginiana, R.carolina*) N
Wayfaring bush (*Viburnum lantana 'variegatum'*) N
Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) N
Possumhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum nudum*) N
Bayberry (*Myrica pensylvania*) N
Eastern Red Elderberry (*Sambucus pubens*) N
Canadian Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)N
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) N
Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) N
Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*) N
Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) N
Beautyberry (*Callicarpa sp*) N

Evergreen Trees for Birds

Eastern White pine (*Pinus strobus*) N
Red pine (*Pinus resinosa*) N
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) N
Red spruce (*picea rubens*) N
Black spruce (*Picea mariana*) N
White spruce (*Picea glauca*) N
Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) N
Balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) N

Deciduous Trees for Birds

Bur Oak (*Quercus Macrocarpa*) N
Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*) N
Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) N
White Oak (*Quercus alba*) N
Silver Maple (*Acer succharinum*) N

Sugar Maple (*A. saccharum*) N
Red Maple (*A. rubrum*) N
Hawthorn (*Crataegus flabellata*)
Black Willow (*Salix nigra*)- N
Flowering Crabapple (*Malus magdeburgensis*)
Butternut ((*Juglans cinerea*) N
Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) N
Tamarack or American Larch (*Larix laricina*) N
Balsam Poplar (*Populus balsamifera*) N
American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) N
White Ash (*Fraxinum americana*) N

Perennials for Birds

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium spp*) N
Perennial sunflowers (*Helianthus spp.*) N
Blazing Star (*Liatris*) N
Black-eyed Susan(*Rudbeckia hirta*) N
Milkweed (*Asclepias spp*) N

Bird-Friendly Annuals

Annual sunflowers
Cosmos
Mullein N
Fuchsia
Aster (some N)
Marigolds
Salvias
Cornflowers
Snapdragons
Nasturtiums
Amaranthus
Poppies

Bird-Friendly Vines

American Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) N
Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) N
Wild Grape (*Vitis riparia*) N
Glaucous Honeysuckle (*Lonicera dioica*) N

Grasses for Birds

Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) N

Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) N

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) N

These are alternatives to **Miscanthus**, considered an invasive plant species.

www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/grow-instead

Groundcovers for Birds

Wild Strawberries (*Fragaria spp*)- N

Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) N

Lingonberry or Bog Cranberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*) N

Creeping Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster adpressus*)

Useful Birding Apps

Merlin Bird ID

Website: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>

eBird

Website:

<https://ebird.org/home>

Birds Canada

<https://birdgardens.ca>

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