BIRD-FRIENDLY PLANTS

Grow Bird and Pollinator Habitat in Your Backyard with these Native Plants

FLOWERING PERENNIALS

BUTTERFLY MILKWEED
Asclepias tuberosa
• Monarch butterfly larval host plant
• Attracts Hummingbirds

BLAZING STAR
Liatris spicata
• Pollinator and hummingbird favorite
• Winter bird food source

ANISE HYSSOP
Agastache foeniculum
• Supports bees, butterflies, songbirds, and hummingbirds
• Deer-resistant

VINES

TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE
Lonicera sempervirens
• Hummingbird favorite
• Fruit attracts birds; host plant for pollinators

VIRGIN'S BOWER
Clematis virginiana
• Abundant flowers
• Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies

AMERICAN WISTERIA
Wisteria frutescens
• Attracts butterflies
• Suitable for arbors, fast-growing and fragrant

GROUNDCOVER

CREEPING PHLOX
Phlox stolonifera
• Deer-resistant
• Attracts hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies

MARSH MARIGOLD
Caltha palustris
• Early spring blooms
• Attracts hummingbirds and bees

FOAM FLOWER
Tiarella cordifolia
• Great for borders
• Attracts butterflies and pollinators
WHY ARE NATIVE PLANTS BETTER FOR BIRDS & POLLINATORS?

Gardening with native plants is good for the environment—plus, they’re beautiful! Native plants are adapted to local conditions and co-evolved with native birds and pollinators over thousands of years. They support birds by providing cover as well as nectar, seeds, fruit, and the insects that birds rely on as food sources. A majority of popular ornamental plants originated in other continents and therefore provide little habitat value for local wildlife. There are over 2,000 plants native to Pennsylvania to choose from, so you have plenty of options!

Maximize your yard’s habitat potential by gardening with native plants.

SHRUBS

INKBERRY HOLLY
Ilex glabra
• Red berries add winter interest and attract birds
• Evergreen compact shrub

NANNYBERRY
Viburnum lentago
• Fruit attracts birds
• Larval host plant for over 100 butterflies and moths

RED CHOKEBERRY
Aronia arbutifolia
• Berries attract birds
• White spring flowers attract pollinators

SMALL TREES

FLOWERING DOGWOOD
Cornus florida
• Iconic spring showy white flowers support pollinators
• Red fruit attracts birds

REDBUD
Cercis canadensis
• Attracts Hummingbirds, songbirds and pollinators
• Early spring floral resource

SHADBLOW SERVICEBERRY
Amelanchier canadensis
• Early spring blooms support pollinators
• Edible fruit attracts birds

LARGE TREES

RED MAPLE
Acer rubrum
• Important food source and nesting habitat for birds
• Brilliant red fall color

SWAMP WHITE OAK
Quercus bicolor
• Smaller oak with very high wildlife value
• Oaks support over 500 butterfly and moth species

RIVER BIRCH
Betula nigra
• Host plant for 317 species of butterflies and moths
• Attracts Hummingbirds

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