

Native Plants for Birds - The 2018 Birdy Dozen



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Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans
Tall clump of grass with beautiful seed head
Height: 2.5-8'
Blooms: Aug-Sept
Light: Full sun
Soil: Dry-Moist



Esther Westveldt (CC-BY 2.0)

Cutleaf Coneflower

Rudbeckia laciniata
Tall. Very attractive to goldfinches.
Height: 3-10'
Blooms: July-Sept
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Moist-Wet



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Silky Dogwood

Cornus amomum
Hardy. Abundant fruit important for migrating songbirds. Dense stems provide cover.
Height: 6-10' Spread 6-9'
Blooms: Jun-Jul
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Moist-Wet



Anna (CC-BY 2.0)

Anise Hyssop

Agastache foeniculum
Fragrant flower spikes attract hummingbirds and many pollinators, esp. bumblebees.
Height: 2-4'
Blooms: Jul-Aug
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Moist



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Bluestem Goldenrod

Solidago caesia
Stems bluish or purplish; rich woods.
Height: 1-3.5'
Blooms: Aug-Oct
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Dry-Moist



Derek Jensen (CC-BY 2.5)

American Black Elderberry

Sambucus canadensis
Berries eaten by 48 species of birds. Twiggy habit provides cover. Tolerates heavy clay.
Height: 5-8' Spread 5-8'
Blooms: Jun-Jul
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet



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White Wood Aster

Eurybia divericatus
White flowers with rose centers; can form ground cover
Height: 0.5-3'
Blooms: Jul-Oct
Light: Part sun - Shade
Soil: Dry-Moist



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Coral Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens
Semi-evergreen vine, flowers until frost. Red Berries.
Spread: 6-12'
Blooms: Apr-Oct
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Dry-Moist



Janet Allen

Winterberry

Ilex verticillata
Abundant berries provide winter bird food. Need male and female. Cultivar OK
Height: 6-10' Spread: 4-5'
Bloom: Jun-Jul
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Moist-Wet



Carl Lewis (CC-BY 2.0)

Blazing Star

Liatris spicata
Spikes provide nectar for hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.
Height: 1-6.5'
Blooms: Jul-Aug
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Dry-Moist



MiraculixHB (CC-BY 2.0)

Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa
Provides late winter food for birds; twiggy growth provides cover.
Height: 5-6' Spread: 3-5'
Blooms: Apr-May
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet



Nicholas A. Tonelli (CC-BY 2.5)

Sweet Birch

Betula lenta
Prefers moist sites but tolerates dry; colonizes open or disturbed areas.
Height: 50-75' Spread 35-50'
Bloom: Apr-May
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Dry-Moist

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