Native Plants for Birds - The 2018 Birdy Dozen

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

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

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

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

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

Coral Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera sempervirens*  
Spread: 6-12'  
Blooms: Apr-Oct  
Light: Sun-Part Sun  
Soil: Dry-Moist

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

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

Silky Dogwood  
*Corrnus 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

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

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

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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