Native Plants for Birds - The 2019 Birdy Dozen

Switchgrass
*Panicum virgatum*
Warm season grass that grows in clumps. Height: 3-6’ Blooms: Jul-Aug Light: Full to part sun Soil: Dry-Wet Value: S, C, NS

Prairie Dropseed
*Sporobolus heterolepis*

Wild Columbine
*Aquilegia canadensis*
Showy flower - nectar for hummingbirds. Spreads by seeds. Height: 0.5-3’ Blooms: Apr-Jul Light: Sun-Part sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: N, S

Woodland Sunflower
*Helianthus divericatus*
Dry open woods; gives color to shady understory. Height: 1-6.5’ Blooms: Jul-Sept Light: Part Sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: S, C, CP

American Chokecherry
*Prunus virginiana*

Rough Goldenrod
*Solidago rugosa*

New York Ironweed
*Vernonia noveboracensis*

Virginia Creeper
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
High climbing or trailing vine. Fruit has high wildlife value. Can be used as ground cover. Spread: 3-35’ Blooms: Jun-Aug Light: Sun-Part Shade- Shade Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet Value: C, F, CP

Pussy Willow
*Salix discolor*
Fast growing, can be cut back. Important spring food source. Height: 12-20’ Blooms: Mar Light: Sun Soil: Wet Value: C, F, CP, NS

Spicebush
*Lindera benzoin*

Eastern Red Cedar
*Juniperus virginiana*

Downy Serviceberry
*Amelanchier arborea*

Value to birds: Seeds (S), Cover (C), Fruit (F), Caterpillars (CP), Nectar (N), Nest Sites (NS)

The Native Plant Shopping Guide at [www.hgcny.org](http://www.hgcny.org) lists local growers who have agreed to supply these plants. Please support these growers.

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