

Native Plants for Birds - The 2019 Birdy Dozen



Janet Allen

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



Anita Gould

Rough Goldenrod

Solidago rugosa
Forms clumps, likes well drained soil. Height: 2-6'
Blooms: Aug-Nov
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Moist-Wet
Value: S, C, CP



Nancy Houlihan

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



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Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis
Slow growing, clump forming, fine textured grass. Good for borders. Height: 1-2'
Blooms: Jun-Aug
Light: Sun
Soil: Dry
Value: S, C, NS



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New York Ironweed

Vernonia noveboracensis
Brilliant flowers, tall upright form. Spreads. Height: 3.5-8
Blooms: Aug-Oct
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Moist-Wet
Value: S, CP, C



Melissa McMasters

Spicebush

Lindera benzoin
Fast growing, drought, cold and heat resistant shrub. Aromatic Height: 6-16
Blooms: Mar-May
Light: Part Sun-Shade
Soil: Moist-Wet
Value: C, F, CP, NS



Suzanne Schroeter

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



Matthew Beziat

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



Anna Hesser

Eastern Red Cedar

Juniperus virginiana
Evergreen. Berries eaten by over 50 species of birds. Height: 50-75' Spread: 35-50'
Bloom: Mar-Apr
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Dry-Moist
Value: S, C, F, CP, NS



Dan Mullen

Woodland Sunflower

Helianthus divaricatus
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



Brett Whaley

American Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana
Fast growing. Important summer wildlife food. Height: 20-30
Spread: 20-35
Blooms: May-Jun
Light: Sun-Part Sun
Soil: Moist
Value: C, F, CP, NS



Dan Mullen

Downy Serviceberry

Amelanchier arborea
Used by 35 species of birds. Important early summer food. Height: 15-25'
Bloom: Mar-May
Light: Sun-Shade
Soil: Dry-Moist
Value: F, CP, C, NS

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

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