

General Plant Guide to Attracting Birds in the Northeast

Research plants below by common name on Ward's Plant finder. <https://plants.wardsnursery.com/12120046>

Bluebird

Dogwood, Highbush Blueberry, Virginia creeper, Holly, Juniper, Sumac, Serviceberry

Cardinal

Winterberry, Highbush Blueberry, Roses, Dogwood, Junipers

Cedar Waxwing

Cotoneaster, Mountain Ash, Junipers, Serviceberry

Chickadee

Winterberry, Serviceberry, Viburnums, Bayberry, Junipers

Downy Woodpecker

Serviceberry, Dogwood, Mountain Ash, Easter red cedar, Virginia Creeper

Eastern Phoebe

Serviceberry, Sumacs

Gold Finch

Thistles, Grasses, Echinacea, Rudbeckia

Grackle

Oaks, Grasses, poorly maintained lawns

Indigo Bunting

Unruly lawns, Dandelions, Goldenrod, Thistle

Junco

Grasses, Conifers, Cosmos, Zinnia

Mockingbird

Bayberry, Serviceberry, Elderberry, Sumac, Dogwood

Northern Flicker

Elderberry, Blueberry, Dogwoods

Nuthatch

Pine, Spruce and Fir trees

Oriole

Quince, Serviceberry, Maples, Elms, Oaks

Pileated Woodpecker

Serviceberry, Elderberry

Purple finches

Cotoneaster, Ornamental grasses, Junipers

Red-winged Blackbird

Marsh grasses, open pastureland

Robins

Flowering Dogwood, Crabapples, Highbush Blueberry, Easter red cedar, healthy and unhealthy lawns

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Cherry, Dogwood, Virginia creeper, Elderberry, Mulberry, Junipers

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Trumpet Vine, Weigela, Columbine, Bee Balm, Quince, most flowering plants producing red or orange flowers

Scarlet Tanager

Pines, Serviceberry, Highbush Blueberry, Elderberry, Maples, Elms, Oaks

Sparrow

Ornamental grasses, Roses, Junipers

Titmouse

Oaks, Serviceberry, Elderberry, Bayberry

Wood Thrush- *conservation watch list*

Serviceberry- will help restore fragmented forests

Wren

Bayberry, dogwood

More resources on next page.



Sources of Information for Bird Gardening

<http://www.audubon.org/bird-guide>

<https://www.audubon.org/news/how-make-your-yard-bird-friendly-0>

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants/>

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/seven-simple-actions-to-help-birds/>

Books and Pamphlets

- *The Bird Garden*. S.W. Kress from the National Audubon Society. Dorling Kindersley. New York. 1995. [A few discount copies are available at Amazon.com](#).
- *Landscaping for Birds*. Audubon Society of Rhode Island. 12 Sanderson Rd. Smithfield, RI 02191-2600 (401) 949-5454

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