



IS YOUR YARD BIRD FRIENDLY?

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Native plants are for the birds! Do your plantings include:

- Keystone Native Plants that produce the caterpillars birds need like Oak, Cherry, Plum, Birch, Willow, Blueberry, Goldenrod, Wild Strawberry, and Shubby St. John's?
- Nutritious berry producers like Dogwood, Viburnum, Winterberry, Elderberry, Black Gum, and Chokeberry?
- Plants with plentiful seed heads like, Clethra,, Monarda, Aster, Joe Pye, Coneflower, Nodding Onion, and Native Grasses?
- Plants that offer nesting materials like Ferns and Milkweed,

Does your design nurture nature? Do you:

- Have lots of native plants? Studies show that landscapes made up of at least 70% native plants best support birds? (Think about it as "2/3 for the birds"!)
- Plant abundantly to mimic nature?
- Include shrubs and trees with varied heights for perching and plant in groupings to offer cover and safe places for nesting?
- Minimize light pollution by using amber bulbs, focusing light downward (never shine up into trees) and using timers & motion sensors?

Is your yard maintained with nature in mind? Do you:

- Minimize areas of turf-grass lawn to make way for beneficial bird-friendly plantings?
- Keep fallen leaves on the property?
- Leave spent plant stems standing?
- Forgo pesticides (including herbicides, fungicides & lawn "weed & feed" products)?
- Safely leave dead trees (snags) & fallen logs?
- Use branches to create brush piles and dead hedges?
- Minimize noise pollution (like from oversized gas powered mowers and leaf blowers!)?
- Avoid tree trimming during nesting season?

Is your space "bird-centric"? Do you:

- Offer water sources that are changed and cleaned frequently?
- Provide high quality bird seed at times of year when resources are limited and clean feeders frequently?
- Protect birds from pets by keeping cats safely indoors and monitoring dogs very closely when outside?
- Use window decals to prevent bird strikes?
- Avoid the use of any outdoor decorations that could cause entanglement?
- Leave some wild corners to offer natural nesting and foraging opportunities?