

Bird Sanctuary Garden

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers
Learning Center for Gardening



As adults, birds eat a wide variety of foods, from seeds and fruits to worms and bugs. Birds' beaks are adapted to the foods they eat. The cardinal's short tough beak is a great tool for cracking the shells of sunflower seeds. The woodpecker's strong sharp beak is built for drilling holes in tree bark and pulling out insects. The Hummingbird's tube shaped beak and long tongue are perfectly adapted to sipping nectar from flowers.

As babies, all birds rely on their parents to feed them. The best baby bird food is soft, squishy caterpillars. Bird parents eat the protein rich caterpillars and regurgitate them into the babies' mouths.

The ideal bird sanctuary offers the preferred foods of a variety of bird species, as well as host plants for butterflies and moths, whose caterpillars may become food for hungry young birds. The plants in this garden and the surrounding gardens offer a buffet of seeds, insects and nectar. Shrubs and nearby trees provide shelter and a safe place to nest.

WHAT GROWS HERE

Viburnum
Serviceberry

HOW WE GROW IT

These plants can tolerate shade.



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