

# Virginia Natives for Attracting Birds

## Large-Medium Deciduous Trees

Scientific Name	Common Name	Uses
<i>Acer</i> sp.	sugar & red maple	seeds in summer & fall
<i>Betula nigra</i>	river birch	seeds, sap, & catkins (flowers)
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American hornbeam	seeds
<i>Celtis canadensis</i>	northern hackberry	fruit in fall & winter
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	persimmon	fruit & seeds in fall & winter
<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	common silverbell	dry fruit, formerly <i>Halesia carolina</i>
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	black walnut	nuts & nut scraps
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	sweet gum	seeds
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	tulip poplar	seeds in fall & winter, hummingbirds & orioles sip nectar
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	cucumber magnolia	fruit in fall & winter
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	black gum	fruit in late summer & fall
<i>Ostrya virginica</i>	American hophornbeam	small nuts
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	black cherry	fruits in summer
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oaks	acorns
<i>Salix nigra</i>	black willow	catkins & seeds
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald cypress	seeds in fall & winter for waterfowl

## Small Deciduous Trees

<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	serviceberry	fruit in early summer
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	redbud	seeds eaten by bobwhites & other birds
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	fringetree	fruit late summer & early fall
<i>Cornus florida</i>	flowering dogwood	fruit in fall
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	hawthorn	fruit in winter & nesting spot
<i>Hamaelis virginiana</i>	witch hazel	seeds eaten by bobwhites & wild turkeys
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	sweetbay	fruit in fall & winter

## Deciduous Shrubs

<i>Aronia pyrifolia</i>	red chokeberry	fruit in winter (also called <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> & <i>Photinia pyrifolia</i> )
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American beautyberry	fruit in fall & winter
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	seeds eaten by some bird species
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	button bush	seeds eaten by water fowl
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	summersweet	hummingbird favorite, especially 'Ruby Spice' cultivar
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	redosier dogwood	fruit in late summer & early fall
<i>Corylus americana</i>	hazelnut	nuts
<i>Hyrangea arborescans</i>	wild hydrangea	seeds
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	winterberry holly	fruit on female in winter, grow species instead of cultivars
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	mountain laurel	evergreen, warblers nest in them
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	spicebush	fruit on female in fall (male needed for pollination)

<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	ninebark	dry fruit
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	fragrant sumac	fruit in winter
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> subsp. <i>canadensis</i>	elderberry	fruit in summer
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	mapleleaf viburnum	fruit in fall & winter
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	arrowwood	fruit in fall & winter
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	nannyberry	fruit in fall & winter

## Evergreen Trees & Shrubs

<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic white cedar	cover and nesting site
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	inkberry holly	fruit on female plant late fall & winter (male needed for pollination)
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American holly	fruit in winter
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern red cedar	fruit, cover, and nesting material
<i>Pinus strobes</i>	white pine	seeds and nesting sites

## Woody Vines

<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	crossvine	hummingbird favorite
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet creeper	hummingbird favorite
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	trumpet honeysuckle	hummingbird favorite, don't confuse with invasive honeysuckle vine

## Herbaceous Plants

<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	wild columbine	seeds eaten by sparrows, hummingbird favorite
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit	fruit eaten by wood thrush & wild turkey
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	hummingbird favorite
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly weed	hummingbird favorite

<i>Chelone glabra</i>	white turtlehead	hummingbird favorite
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	wild bleeding heart	hummingbird favorite
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium	seeds eaten by mourning dove & bobwhites
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	blazing star	seeds eaten by finches & sparrows, hummingbird favorite
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower	hummingbird favorite
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bee balm	hummingbird favorite
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	penstemon	hummingbird favorite
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> var. <i>speciosa</i>	orange coneflower	seeds
<i>Solidago</i> sp.	golden rod	seeds
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	seeds & leaves

## Native Grasses

<i>Andropogon</i> sp.	blue stem	seeds
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	river oats	seeds, reseeds readily
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switchgrass	seeds