

## Wildlife Native Planting and Bird Feeding Station Recommendations

### Bluebird and other Bird Houses

- Bluebird Houses with predator guards only if you have appropriate habitat otherwise you attract House Sparrows.
- **Water Feature with running water...** important water source, especially in winter, and acts to attract birds to the site.
  - Anfrew Loglisci from Loglisci water gardens do some incredible work too- <https://loglisciwatgardens.com/>

### Demonstration Garden

#### Shrubs

- Dogwoods - Alternate-leaf *C. (alternifolia)*, or Flowering (*C. florida?*), Red osier (*C. sericea*), Gray (?) *C. racemosa*, Rough-leaf (*C. drummondii*), Silky *C. amomum*) – good fruit sources
- Elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis*
- Highbush blueberry - *Vaccinium corymbosum*
- Lowbush Blueberry (*V. angustifolium*) (*better in dry areas*)
- Viburnums - Arrowwood (*V. dentatum*), Nannyberry (*V. lentago*), (*American Cranberrybush* (*V. trilobum*), and *Wild Raisin* (*V. cassinoides*) - *if it's wet enough*)
- Bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*) – waxy fruit loved by Tree Swallows, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and many others
- Brambles (*Rubus allegheniensis*; *R. occidentalis*) (if contained)
- Sumacs (*Rhus glabra*, *R. copallina*, *R. typhina*),
- Winterberry - *Ilex verticillate* – *lovely shrub- good late-winter food (not the best food source)*
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) – late summer fruit

#### Trees

- Serviceberry - *Amelanchier canadensis* and/or *laevis* (*Allegheny*)
- Tupelo *Nissa sylvatica* – excellent food source
- American Holy - *Ilex opaca* (shelter & food in a small grove nearby)
- Wild (black) Cherry – *Prunus serotina* (*this is a great one – fruit and caterpillars*)
- Red Chokeberry - *Aronia arbutifolia*
- Sassafras - *Sassafras albidum* (*good to contain – fruit and caterpillars*)
- Native Crabapple (with tiny berries) *Prunus*
- Oaks – White Oak (*Quercus alba*) – one of the best food sources available.
- Evergreens for cover ... Not red cedar if you have apples.

- Birch trees - *Betula* spp. Good insect and seed food source
- Red mulberry - *Morus rubra*
- Crabapples (native – small fruit) – Sweet (*Malus coronaria*, Southern (*M. angustifolia*) Sargent crabapple (*M. sargentii*) (native?))

### Flowers (perennials)

- Sunflowers (native) - *Helianthus angustifolius* (narrow-leafed)
- Coneflowers - *Echinacea* spp.
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) for hummingbirds
- Asters - New England Aster - *Symphotrichum novae-angliae* (& other native asters)
- Joe-Pye weed (*Eutrochium* spp.)
- Columbine (Native *Aquilegia* spp.) – great for hummingbirds
- Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) – great late summer food for hummingbirds
- Black-eyed Susan (Native *Rudbeckia* spp.)
- American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)
- Milkweeds - Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), Butterfly weed (*A. tuberosa*), Swamp (*A. incarnata*), Whorled (*A. verticillata*), Purple (*A. purpurascens* (rare))

\*Think about Seasonality

### Trellised areas for shade and growing vines

- Trumpet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*) vine – native – hummingbirds (flowers) and others (fruit)
- Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
- Wild grape (*Vitis* spp.)

### Resources

- Forestfarm, Williams, OR; 541-846-7269, [forestfarm.com](http://forestfarm.com)
- Mail Order Natives, Lee, FL; 850-973-7371, [mailordernatives.com](http://mailordernatives.com)
- Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, MN; 866-417-8156, [prairiemoon.com](http://prairiemoon.com)
- Wild Ridge Plants, Alpha, NJ; 908-319-7230, [wildridgeplants.com](http://wildridgeplants.com)

### Connecticut

- [Earth Tones Native Plants](#) (Woodbury) [Read our interview with the owner!](#)

- [Menunkatuck Audubon Society: Urbanscapes Native Plant Nursery](#) (Guilford; closed in winter)
- [Native Nursery](#) (Fairfield)
- [Rewild Native Plant Nursery](#) (Canton; online or appointment only)
- [Tiny Meadow Farm](#) (Danbury; closed in winter)

[https://theplantnative.com/resources/native-plant-nurseries/#elementor-toc\\_heading-anchor-3](https://theplantnative.com/resources/native-plant-nurseries/#elementor-toc_heading-anchor-3).

## Northeast (online)

Northeast online seed and plant sellers:

- [Helia Native Nursery](#) (West Stockbridge, MA)
- [High Country Gardens](#) (Shelburne, VT)
- [Johnny's Seeds](#) *only some natives* (Winslow, ME)
- [Native Haunts](#) (Alfred, ME)
- [Pinelands Direct](#) (Columbus, NJ)
- [Plant Buying Collective](#) (Rensselaerville, NY)
- [The Pollen Nation](#) (Bridgeton, NJ)
- [Sheffield Seed](#) (Locke, NY)
- [Toadshade Wildflower Farm](#) (Frenchtown, NJ)
- [Vermont Wildflower Farm](#) (Charlotte, VT)
- [Wildridge Plants](#) (Alpha, NJ)
- [Wild Seed Project](#) (North Yarmouth, ME)
- **Connecticut Botanical Society**  
P.O. Box 9004, New Haven, CT 06532-0004
- **Connecticut WildOnes Chapters**  
[Chapters in Connecticut - Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes](#)
  - [Native Garden Designs - Wild Ones](#)