

# Native Plants for Birds - The 2020 Birdy Dozen

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## Big Bluestem

*Andropogon gerardii*

Warm season grass that grows in upright clumps. Height: 2-6.5' Blooms: Jun-Sept Light: Full to part sun Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet Value: S, C, NS

Alan Cressler



## Black (Smooth) Alder

*Alnus serrulata*

High wildlife value. Forms thickets, tolerates flooding. Height: 12-20' Blooms: Mar-Apr Light: Sun Soil: Moist-Wet Value: S, C, F, CP, NS

Zysztol Zianek



## Northern Bayberry

*Morella pensylvanica*

Waxy berries provide winter bird food. Need male and female. Height: 5-10' Blooms: Mar-Apr Light: Sun-Part Sun Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet Value: C, F, CP, NS

Kristine Paulus



## Purple Joe-pye Weed

*Eutrochium purpureum*

Large domed flowerheads very attractive to many pollinators. Height: 2-6.5' Blooms: Jul-Oct Light: Sun-part sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: C, CP

Jessie M. Harris



## New Jersey Tea

*Ceanothus americanus*

Hardy, compact shrub. Tolerates dryness. White masses of tiny flowers. Height: 3' Blooms: May-Sept Light: Sun-Part Sun Soil: Dry Value: S, C, F, CP

Susannah Tysor



## White Pine

*Pinus strobus*

Fast growing evergreen canopy tree. Height: 75-100' Spread: 50-75' Blooms: May-Jul Light: Sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: S, C, CP, NS

Dan Mullen



## Bergamot

*Monarda fistulosa*

Showy flowers attract hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. Height: 1.5-5' Blooms: Jun-Sept Light: Sun-Part sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: CP, N

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## Fragrant Sumac

*Rhus aromatica*

Fast growing, hardy, forms thickets. Fuzzy berry clusters provide winter food. Height: 6' Blooms: Mar-May Light: Sun-Part Sun Soil: Dry Value: C, F, CP

Andreas Rockstein



## Black Cherry

*Prunus serotina*

Fruit eaten by 33 species of birds. Fast growing, showy. Height: 40-75' Spread: 20-35' Bloom: May-Jun Light: Sun Soil: Dry-Moist Value: C, F, CP, NS

Eleanor Dietrich



## Cardinal Flower

*Lobelia cardinalis*

Showy red spikes attract hummingbirds. Re-seeds. Good in rain gardens. Height: 2-4' Blooms: Jul-Oct Light: Sun-Part Sun Soil: Moist-Wet Value: CP, N

James Van Gundy



## Highbush Blueberry

*Vaccinium corymbosum*

Multi-stemmed adaptable shrub. Songbirds relish the edible berries. Height: 6-12' Blooms: Apr-Jun Light: Sun-Part Sun-Shade Soil: Dry-Moist-Wet Value: C, F, CP

Katja Schulz



## Sugar Maple

*Acer saccharum*

Large tree with round, dense crown. High wildlife value. Height: 60-100' Spread: 50-75' Bloom: Apr-May Light: Sun-Part Sun-Shade Soil: Dry-Moist Value: S, C, F, CP, NS

Value to birds: Seeds (S), Cover (C), Fruit (F), Caterpillars (CP), Nectar (N), Nest Sites (NS)

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