

Native Shrubs, Vines and Trees for Feeding Birds Throughout the Year

Spring (Provide caterpillars for birds)

Shrubs	Trees
Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>) over 288 caterpillars	Oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>)- about 556 caterpillars
Hazelnut (<i>Corylus americana</i>) over 131 caterpillars	Willow (<i>Salix nigra</i>)-over 456 caterpillars
	Black Cherry (<i>Prunus serotonia</i>) about 456 caterpillars
	River Birch-(<i>Betula nigra</i>) about 413 caterpillars
	Cottonwood (<i>Populus deltoides</i>) about 368 caterpillars
	Crabapple (<i>Malus</i>) about 311 caterpillars
	Tulip tree (Yellow poplar) (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>)

Summer

Shrubs & Vines	Trees
Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>)	Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>)
Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	Fringetree (<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>)
Elderberry (<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>)	Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>)
Chokeberry (<i>Aronia spp.</i>) also early fall	Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)
Ninebark (<i>Physobarpus opulifolius</i>)	River birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>) from spring to early summer
Sweetbay magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>)	Sassafras (<i>Sassafras albidum</i>) into fall
Black Huckleberry (<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>)	
Coral honeysuckle vine (<i>Lonicera semiprivens</i>)	

Fall

Shrubs	Trees
Blackhaw (<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>)	Black cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)
Devil's Walkingstick (<i>Aralia spinosa</i>)	Red mulberry (<i>Morus rubra</i>)
Hazelnut (<i>Corylus Americana</i>)	Dogwood (<i>Cornus florida</i>)
Possumhaw (<i>Viburnum nudum</i>)	Coxspur hawthorne (<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>) also through winter
Mapleleaf viburnum (<i>Viburnum acerfolium</i>)	Oak (<i>Quercus spp</i>) also into winter
Inkberry (<i>Ilex glabra</i>) also though winter into early spring	Sweetgum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>) also into winter
Wax myrtle (<i>Myrica cerifera</i>)	Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)
Witch hazel (<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>) also early winter	
Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>)	
Silky dogwood (<i>Cornus amomum P Mill.</i>)	
Staghorn Sumac (<i>Rhus Typhina</i>) through winter into spring	

Winter

Shrubs	Trees
Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)	Blackgum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)
Shinning sumac (<i>Rhus copallinum</i>)	American holly (<i>Ilex opaca</i>)
Smooth sumac (<i>Rhus glabra</i>)	Eastern red cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)
Staghorn sumac (<i>Rhus typhina</i>)	

NOTE: This is a list of native shrubs and trees that will provide food for many birds in your habitat throughout the year. Don't forget that your forbs and grasses support seed eating birds in summer, fall and winter (for example, goldfinches and ragwort and purple cone flower)

References and more information:

Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy: <http://www.timberpress.com>

Illinois Wildflower-<http://www.illinoiswildflower.org>

Missouri Botanical Garden: <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org>

Gardening for Wildlife Plant List: <http://www.loudounwildlife.org>