

Attracting Wildlife for Nature Photography
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Resource Lists

- **Flowers for Hummingbirds** – preferred colors are red and orange
 - Azalea
 - Bee Balm
 - Cardinal Flower
 - Cigar Plant
 - Salvia
 - Trumpet Vine
 - Columbine
 - Daylilies
 - Hanging Fuchsia
 - Penstemon
 - Phlox (provides seeds for other birds)
- **Flowers for Butterflies** – preferred colors are yellow and purple
 - Aster
 - Butterfly Bush
 - Black-eyed Susan (seeds)
 - Bachelor-buttons (seeds)
 - Iris
 - Petunia
 - Sedum
 - Blazing Star (Liatris)
 - Coneflower (seeds)
 - Cosmos (seeds)
 - Coreopsis
 - Marigold
 - Sunflower (seeds)
 - Zinnia (seeds)
 - Host plant for Monarch butterfly is Milkweed
 - Host plant for Spicebush butterfly is Spicebush (also provides berries for birds)
- **Shrubs** – provide shelter and food
 - Arrowwood
 - Bayberry
 - Elderberry
 - Hibiscus (Rose of Sharon)
 - Viburnum (High bush cranberry)
 - Blueberry
 - Blackberry
 - Grape
 - Raspberry
 - Winterberry (native wetland holly)
- **Trees** – provide food and shelter
 - Apple
 - Crabapple
 - Mulberry (attracts large variety)
 - Mountain Ash
 - Cedar
 - Choke Cherry
 - Dogwood
 - Juniper
 - Serviceberry
 - Spruce
- **Water** – very important – heat in winter to attract more birds
 - Birdbaths, pre-formed ponds, waterfalls – find at garden centers
 - Moving water attracts a wider variety of birds
- **Feeders** – Hopper, tube, tray, suet, nectar, butterfly, peanut
 - A variety of food in a variety of feeders will attract a variety of species
 - KEEP THEM CLEAN** with a 10% bleach/90% water solution-rinse well

- **Preferred food –**

Black-oil sunflower – largest variety of birds attracted including Cardinals, Chickadees, Nuthatch, Wrens – offer in a hopper or on a tray (preferred by Cardinals)
Peanuts – Woodpeckers, Nuthatch, Chickadees, Cardinals, Flying Squirrels
Nectar (1 part sugar/4 parts water) – Hummingbirds, Orioles, Catbird
Suet – Woodpeckers, Orioles, Bluebirds, Indigo Bunting (Spring Migration)
Niger(thistle) – Goldfinch, Pine Siskin
Oranges - Oriole, Catbird
Fruit Trees – Orioles, Catbirds, Cedar Waxwings, Robins, Warblers in spring
Rotted banana – butterflies (will also attract flies)
Gatorade in a dish with a clean scrubby (rinse well in water first) will attract butterflies
Dried fruit (chopped) and raisins soaked in water will attract Bluebirds and Robins
Mealworms will attract Bluebirds and any insect loving birds

If you don't have a yard but you do have a deck, container plants will attract butterflies and Hummingbirds. Small water attractions with waterfalls are available that will create a wonderful space for you and the birds. A dead tree in a Christmas tree stand can provide an attractive perch and prop. Use your imagination!

Resources for further information

National Wildlife Federation
<http://www.nwf.org>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/netcommunity>

Massachusetts Audubon
<http://www.massaudubon.org>

Vermont Wildflower Farms – Great for native wildflowers and broadcast seeds
<http://www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com>

Birds and Blooms – Wonderful magazine with lots of information
<http://www.birdsandblooms.com>