

Birds in the Garden: Creating & Enjoying a Bird Oasis

KEY: N = US Native NC = Native Cultivar NN = Non-Native

Listed are some of the plants in our Chicago birdgarden. Most are Chicagoland/IL/Midwest natives beneficial to birds, pollinators & caterpillars.

Non-natives/annuals listed provide cover, nectar and/or foraging opportunities. I'm always testing/adding plants – the garden is ever evolving!

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| PERENNIALS-LATIN NAME | COMMON NAME | SIZE | EXPOSURE | BLOOM | TYPE |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|------|
| • Aconitum | Monkshood | 3-4'hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | Sept-Oct | NN |
| • Actaea racemosa (or Cimicifuga racemosa) | Black Snakeroot/Cohosh | 4-6'hx3-4'w | shade-pt shade | July-Aug | N |
| • Actaea pachypoda | Doll's Eyes/White Baneberry | 18-24"hwx | shade | May+fall berries | N |
| • Adiantum pedatum | Northern Maidenhair Fern | 12-18"hwx | sun-pt sun | - | N |
| • Agastache foeniculum | Anise Hyssop | 2-4'hx18-36"w | sun-pt sun | July-Oct | N |
| • Agastache scrophulariifolia | Purple Giant Hyssop | 4-6'hx18-24"w | sun-pt sun | July-Sept | N |
| • Ageratina altissima | White Snakeroot | 2-3'hx18-24"w | pt shade-shade | Aug-Oct | N |
| • Allium cernuum | Nodding Wild Onion | 12-18"h18-24"w | sun-pt sun | June-Sept | N |
| • Amorpha canescens | Lead Plant | 2-3'hx18-24"w | sun | June-July | N |
| • Amsonia hubrichtii | Threadleaf Bluestar | 3'hwx | sun-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Amsonia tabernaemontana | Eastern Bluestar | 2-3'hwx | sun-pt shade | April-June | N |
| • Anemone canadensis | Meadow Anemone | 18"hx2-3'w | sun-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Antennaria plantaginifolia | Plantain-leaved Pussytoes | 8"hx12-18"w | sun | April-June | N |
| • Aquilegia canadensis | Wild Columbine | 18-24"hx8-12"w | pt shade-shade | April-June | N |
| • Aralia racemosa | American Spikenard | 4-5'hwx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | June-Aug+fall berries | N |
| • Arisaema triphyllum | Jack-in-the-Pulpit | 12-18"hwx | shade-pt shade | April-May+fall berries | N |
| • Aruncus dioicus | Goat's Beard | 4-6'hwx | shade-pt shade | June | N |
| • Asarum canadense | Wild Ginger (groundcover) | 6-8"hx8-12"h | shade-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Asclepias incarnata | Swamp Milkweed | 3-4'hx2-3'w | sun-pt shade | June-Aug | N |
| • Asclepias syriaca | Common Milkweed | 3-4'hx8-12"w | sun-pt sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Asclepias tuberosa | Butterfly Milkweed | 3-4'hx18-24"w | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Baptisia australis | Blue Wild Indigo | 3-4'hwx | sun-pt shade | May-June | N |
| • Caltha palustris | Marsh Marigold | 12-18"hwx | sun-pt shade | April-June+ | N |
| • Callirhoe involucrata | Prairie Poppy Mallow | 8-12"hx2-3'w | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Camassia leichtlinii | Great Camas (bulb) | 3-4'hx1-2'w | sun-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Carex albicans | White-tinged Sedge | 18-24"hwx | sun-shade | May | N |
| • Carex pensylvanica | Common Oak Sedge | 8-12"hwx | shade-pt shade | May | N |
| • Carex plantaginea | Plantain-leaved Wood Sedge | 12-18"hx18-24"w | shade-pt shade | May | N |
| • Carex sprengeii | Long-beaked Sedge | 18-24"hx18-24"w | shade-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Caulophyllum thalictroides | Blue Cohosh | 2-3'hx18-24"w | shade | April-May | N |
| • Chasmanthium latifolium | Northern Sea Oats | 3-4'hx18-24"w | sun-shade | June-July | N |
| • Chelone glabra | White Turtlehead | 2-3'hwx | sun-pt shade | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Chelone lyonii | Pink Turtlehead | 2-4'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | Sept | N |
| • Clematis virginiana (vine) | Virgin's Bower | 8-12'hx6-8'w | sun-shade | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Coreopsis verticillata | Threadleaf Coreopsis | 12-18"hx18-24"w | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Dicentra spectabilis | Bleeding Heart | 2-3'hx18-24"w | shade-pt shade | April-May | NN |
| • Dodecatheon meadia | Shooting Star (ephemeral) | 12-18"hx6-8"w | sun-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • Echinacea pallida | Pale Purple Coneflower | 2-3'hx12-18"w | sun | July-Aug | N |
| • Echinacea purpurea | Purple Coneflower | 3-4'hx18-24"w | sun-pt sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Echinacea 'White Swan' | White Swan Coneflower | 18-24"hx2'w | sun-pt sun | July-Sept | NC |
| • Eurybia divaricata | White Wood Aster | 18-24"hwx | sun-pt shade | Aug-Oct | N |
| • Eragrostis spectabilis | Purple Lovegrass | 18-24"hx12-18"w | sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Eryngium yuccifolium | Rattlesnake Master | 3-4'hx3-4'w | sun | June-July | N |
| • Eupatorium perfoliatum | Common Boneset | 4-6'hx18-24"w | sun-pt sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Eupatorium coelestinum | Blue Mistflower | 2-3'hwx | sun-pt shade | July-Sept | N |
| • Eutrochium maculatum | Spotted Joe Pye Weed | 4-8'hx3-6'w | sun-pt sun | July-Aug | N |
| • Filipendula rubra | Queen of the Prairie | 5-8'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | June-July | N |
| • Fragaria virginiana | Wild Strawberry | 8-12"hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | April-May+berries | N |
| • Geranium maculatum | Wild Geranium | 18-24"hwx | shade-pt shade | May-June | N |
| • Geum triflorum | Prairie Smoke | 12-18"hwx | sun-pt sun | April-June | N |
| • Helenium autumnale | Sneezeweed | 3-4'hx2-3'w | sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Heliopsis helianthoides | False Sunflower | 4-6'hx3-4'w | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • Hepatica nobilis acuta | Sharp-Lobed Hepatica | 8-12"hwx | shade-pt shade | April | N |
| • Heuchera richardsonii | Prairie Alumroot | 18-24"hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | June-July | N |
| • Hibiscus moscheutos | Swamp Rose Mallow | 4-6'hx3-4'w | sun-pt sun | July-Sept | N |
| • Hydrophyllum virginianum | Virginia Waterleaf | 18-24"hx2-3'w | shade-pt sun | April-June | N |
| • Hylotelephium spectabile 'Autumn Joy' | Autumn Joy Sedum | 18-24"hwx | sun-pt sun | Aug-Oct | NN |
| • Impatiens canadensis | Jewelweed | 2-5'hx18-30"w | pt shade-shade | July-Aug | N |
| • Liatris aspera | Rough Blazing Star | 2-3'hx12-18"h | sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • Liatris spicata | Blazing Star | 2-4'hx12-18"h | sun-pt sun | July-Aug | N |
| • Lobelia cardinalis | Cardinal Flower | 3-4'hx18-24"w | sun-pt shade | July-Sept | N |
| • Lobelia siphilitica | Great Blue Lobelia | 2-3'hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | July-Sept | N |
| • Matteuccia struthiopteris | Ostrich Fern | 4-6'hx2-3'w | shade-pt shade | - | N |
| • Monarda bradburiana | Eastern Beebalm | 18-24"hwx | sun-pt shade | May-June | N |

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| • <i>Monarda didyma</i> | Scarlet Beebalm | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt sun | June-Aug | N |
| • <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | Wild Bergamot | 3-4'hx2-3'w | sun-pt sun | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Mertensia virginica</i> | Virginia Bluebells | 18-24"hwx | pt shade-shade | April-May | N |
| • <i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i> | Missouri Evening Primrose | 8-12"hwx | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> | Sensitive Fern | 2-3'hx18-24"w | sun-pt sun | - | N |
| • <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> | Wild Quinine | 3-4'hx18-24"w | sun | June-Aug | N |
| • <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> | Virginia Creeper (vine) | 25-30'x6-8'w | shade-pt shade | fall berries | N |
| • <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> | Foxglove Beardtongue | 18-24"hwx | sun-pt shade | May-June | N |
| • <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Husker Red' | Husker Red Beardtongue | 2-3'hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | June-July | NC |
| • <i>Penstemon hirsutus</i> | Hairy Beardtongue | 18-24"hx12-18"w | sun-shade | June-July | N |
| • <i>Phlox divaricata</i> | Woodland Phlox | 12-18"hwx | shade-pt shade | April-June | N |
| • <i>Phlox paniculata</i> | Garden Phlox | 2-4'hx1-2'w | sun-pt shade | July-Oct | N |
| • <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> | Obedient Plant | 3-4'hx2-3'w | sun | July-Sept | N |
| • <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> 'Miss Manners' | Miss Manners Obedient Plant | 18-24"hx8-12"w | sun-pt shade | Aug-Oct | NC |
| • <i>Polemonium reptans</i> | Jacob's Ladder | 8-12"hx12-18"w | sun-pt sun | May-June | N |
| • <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> | Smooth Solomon's Seal | 2-3'hx12-18"w | sun-pt shade | May-July+ fall berries | N |
| • <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> | Christmas Fern | 18-24"hwx | shade-pt sun | - | N |
| • <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> | Common Mountain Mint | 2-3'hx18-24"w | sun | June-Sept | N |
| • <i>Phytolacca americana</i> | Pokeweed | 6-12'hx3-4" w | sun-shade | July-Aug+ fall berries | N |
| • <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> | Gray-headed Coneflower | 3-4'hx18-24" w | sun | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> var. <i>fulgida</i> | Black-eyed Susan | 2-3'hxw | sun | July-Oct | N |
| • <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> | Black-eyed Susan | 2-3'hx18-24" w | sun | July-Sept | N |
| • <i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> | Cutleaf coneflower | 4-6'hxw | sun-pt shade | July-Sept | N |
| • <i>Rudbeckia triloba</i> | Brown-eyed Susan | 3-4'hxw | sun-pt shade | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Ruellia humilis</i> | Wild Petunia | 12-18"hx18-24" w | sun-pt sun | June-Aug | N |
| • <i>Salvia nemorosa</i> 'May Night' | May Night Salvia | 18-24"hwx | sun | June-Aug+ | NN |
| • <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> | Little Bluestem | 3-4'hx18-24" w | sun-pt sun | Sept-Oct | N |
| • <i>Silene regia</i> | Royal Catchfly | 2-3'hx8-12" w | sun-pt shade | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> | Cup Plant | 6-8'hx2-3' w | sun | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Sedum ternatum</i> | Wild Stonecrop | 3-6"hx6-8" w | shade- pt sun | April-May | N |
| • <i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> | Blue-eyed Grass | 8-12"hx6-8" w | sun | May-July | N |
| • <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> | Prairie Dropseed | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i> | Celandine poppy | 12-18"hwx | shade-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • <i>Solidago caesia</i> | Blue-stemmed Goldenrod | 2-3'hx18-24" w | shade-pt shade | Aug | N |
| • <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i> | Zig Zag Goldenrod | 2-3'hxw | sun-shade | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Solidago riddellii</i> | Riddell's Goldenrod | 2-3'hx18-24" w | sun | Sept | N |
| • <i>Solidago ohioense</i> | Ohio Goldenrod | 3-4'hx12-18" w | sun | July-Oct | N |
| • <i>Solidago rugosa</i> 'Fireworks' | Fireworks Goldenrod | 2-3'hx3-4' w | sun-pt sun | Aug-Oct | NC |
| • <i>Solidago speciosa</i> | Showy Goldenrod | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • <i>Solidago ulmifolia</i> | Elm-leaved Goldenrod | 2-3'hx18-24" w | shade-pt sun | July-Oct | N |
| • <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> | Prairie Dropseed | 2-3'hxw | sun | Aug-Sept | N |
| • <i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i> | New England Aster | 3-4'hx2-3' w | sun | Aug-Oct | N |
| • <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i> | Early Meadow Rue | 2-3'hxw | pt shade-shade | April-May | N |
| • <i>Tiarella</i> 'Elizabeth Oliver' | Foamflower | 8-12"hx12-18" w | pt sun-shade | May-June | NC |
| • <i>Trillium recurvatum</i> | Prairie Trillium | 2-3"hx3-6" w | shade | April-May | N |
| • <i>Tradescantia ohniensis</i> | Spiderwort | 2-3'hx18-24" w | sun-shade | May-July+ | N |
| • <i>Tradescantia</i> 'Sweet Kate' | Golden Spiderwort | 12-18"hwx | sun-shade | May-July+ | NC |
| • <i>Uvularia grandiflora</i> | Merrybells | 18-24"hx12-18" w | shade-pt shade | April-May | N |
| • <i>Vernonia fasciculata</i> | Common Ironweed | 3-4'hx2-3' w | sun-pt sun | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> | Culver's Root | 4-6"hx3-4" w | sun-pt sun | July-Aug | N |
| • <i>Viola sororia</i> | Common Blue Violet | 4"hx6" w | sun-shade | April-June | N |
| • <i>Viola labradorica</i> | Purple Labrador Violet | 3-6"hx8-12" w | sun-pt shade | April-June | N |
| • <i>Zizia aurea</i> | Golden Alexanders | 2-3'hx18-24" w | sun-pt shade | April-June | N |
| • <i>Zizia aptera</i> | Heart-leaved Meadow Parsnip | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt shade | April-June | N |

| ANNUALS-LATIN NAME | COMMON NAME | SIZE | EXP | BLOOM | ORIGIN |
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| • <i>Agastache rupestris</i> | Threadleaf Giant Hyssop | 18-24"hx12-18" w | sun-pt sun | July-frost | SW US |
| • <i>Cannaceae</i> | Canna | 1.5-8'hx1.5-6' w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | S Am |
| • <i>Cuphea ignea</i> | Firecracker Plant | 18-26"hx2-3' w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | Mexico |
| • <i>Fuchsia</i> | Fuchsia | 2-3'hxw | shade-pt shade | June-frost | Caribbean |
| • <i>Ipomoea</i> × <i>multifida</i> | Cardinal Climber (twining vine) | 3-6'hxw | sun | June-Sept | S Am |
| • <i>Justicia brandegeana</i> | Shrimp Plant | up to 2-3'hxw | sun-pt sun | June-frost | Mexico |
| • <i>Lantana camara</i> | Lantana | 1-2'hxw | sun-pt sun | June-frost | Caribbean |
| • <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> | Passion Flower (twining vine) | 6-30'hx3-6' w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | S US |
| • <i>Petunia</i> | Petunia | 9-12"hx1-3' w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | S Am |
| • <i>Salvia guaranitica</i> 'Black & Blue' | Black & Blue Salvia | up to 3'hxw | sun-pt sun | June-frost | S US/Am |
| • <i>Salvia</i> 'Mistic Spires' | Mystic Spires Blue Salvia | 18-36"hx2-3' w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | Mexico |
| • <i>Salvia</i> 'Skyscraper' | Skyscraper Salvia | 18-24"hx12-18" w | sun-pt sun | June-frost | S US/Am |
| • <i>Zinnia</i> | Zinnia | various | sun | June-frost | Mexico |

| SHRUBS-LATIN NAME | COMMON NAME | SIZE | EXP | BLOOM | TYPE |
|--|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------|
| • Aesculus parviflora | Bottlebrush Buckeye | 8-10'hxw | shade-pt sun | June-July | N |
| • Aronia melanocarpa 'Low Scape Mound' | Low ScapeMound Chokeberry | 18-24"hxw | sun-pt shade | May+berries | NC |
| • Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' | Red Chokeberry | 6-8'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | May+berries | NC |
| • Cephalanthus occidentalis 'Sugar Shack' | Sugar Shack Buttonbush | 3-4'hxw | sun-pt shade | June-Aug | NC |
| • Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Aurea Nana' | Golden Dwarf Hinoki False Cypress | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt shade | (evergreen) | NN |
| • Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird' | Hummingbird Summersweet | 3'hxw | sun-pt shade | June-July | NC |
| • Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' | Ruby Spice Summersweet | 4'hxw | sun-pt shade | June-July | NC |
| • Cornus racemosa 'Muszam' | Muskingum® Gray Dogwood | 2'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | May-June+berries | NC |
| • Corylus americana | American Hazelnut | 8-12'hxw | sun-pt sun | March | N |
| • Diervilla lonicera | Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle | 2-3'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | June-Aug | N |
| • Fothergilla gardenii | Dwarf Fothergilla | 2-3'hx3-4'w | pt shade-shade | April-May | N |
| • Hydrangea arborescens | Smooth Hydrangea | 3-4'hx4-6'w | sun-shade | July-Sept | N |
| • Hypericum kalmianum | Kalm's St. Johnswort | 2-3'hxw | sun-pt shade | July | N |
| • Lindera benzoin | Spicebush (need male/female for berries) | 8-12'hxw | sun-pt shade | April+berries | N |
| • Ilex verticillata 'Mr.Poppoins' & 'Berry Poppoins' | Winterberry (need male/female for berries) | 3-4'hxw | sun-pt shade | May+berries | NC |
| • Itea virginica 'Sprich' | Little Henry® Virginia Sweetspire | 2-3'hx3-4'w | sun-pt shade | July-Aug | N |
| • Juniperus virginiana 'Grey Owl' | Grey Owl Juniper | 3'hx6'w | sun | evergreen+berries | NC |
| • Picea pungens 'Glauca Globosa' | Globe Colorado Blue Spruce | 3-4'hxw | sun | evergreen | NC |
| • Thuja occidentalis 'Holmstrup' | Holmstrup Arborvitae | 4-6'hx2-3'w | sun-pt shade | evergreen | NC |
| • Sambucus canadensis | Elderberry | 6-12'hxw | sun-pt sun | June-July+berries | N |
| • Symphoricarpos (orbiculatus + microphyllus) | Coralberry 'Hancock' | 18-24"hx6-8'w | sun-shade | June-July+berries | NC |
| • Viburnum dentatum 'Christom' | Blue Muffin® Arrowwood Viburnum | 4'-6'hxw | sun-shade | May+berries | NC |

| TREES-LATIN NAME | COMMON NAME | SIZE | EXP | BLOOM | TYPE |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------|
| • Acer saccharinum | Silver Maple | 60-75'hx20-25"w | sun-pt sun | April | N |
| • Amelanchier 'Autumn Brilliance' | Serviceberry | 20-25'hxw | sun-pt sun | April+berries | NC |
| • Asimina triloba | PawPaw (need 2 to produce fruit) | 15-20'hxw | sun-pt sun | May | N |
| • Crataegus viridis 'Winter King' | Winter King Hawthorn | 20-30"hxw | sun | May+berries | NC |
| ★ Cornus Kousa 'Satomi' | Satomi Chinese Dogwood | 15'hx12'w | sun | June+berries | NN |
| • Juniperus chinensis 'Fairview' | Fairview Chinese Juniper | 30'hx10-15"w | sun | evergreen+berries | NN |
| • Prunus serotina | Black Cherry | 50-60'hx30-40'w | sun | Spring+berries | N |
| • Quercus prinoides | Dwarf Chinquapin Oak | 10x10'hxw | sun | Spring+nuts | N |
| • Rhus typhina | Staghorn Sumac | 15-20'hx20-25'w | sun-pt sun | June-July+seeds | N |
| NEIGHBOR'S TREES THAT HANG OVER INTO OUR YARD AND/OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY: | | | | | |
| • Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis | Thornless Honey Locust | 30-70'hxw | sun | April | N |
| • Picea abies | Norway Spruce | 40-60'h | sun | evergreen+cones | NN |
| • Picea pungens | Colorado Blue Spruce | 40-60'h | sun | evergreen+cones | N |

* Non-native. Planted years ago- would choose native now. Birds still love the berries. Many native Cornus varieties are available at nurseries

NOTE: Native shrubs & trees are excellent for bird/wildlife gardens. Native Trees: Oak, Cherry, Willow Hackberry, Dogwood, Redbud, & Maple are all good choices. Native Shrubs: Viburnum, Dogwood, Winterberry, Sumac, Willow, Elderberry, Gooseberry, Spicebush etc. Include evergreens for cover & food, such as native White Pine & Hemlock. Many resources are available listing native plants to attract birds & wildlife.

RESOURCES

BOOKS:

- **Nature's Best Hope:** A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard by Douglas W. Tallamy. **Our garden mentioned as example.**
- **Bringing Nature Home:** How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants by Douglas W. Tallamy. Includes charts of native plants.
- **The Nature of Oaks:** The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees by Douglas W. Tallamy
- **Birdscaping in the Midwest:** A Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds by Mariette Nowa. Includes charts of native plants.
- **Grow Now:** How We Can Save Our Health, Communities, and Planet-One Garden at a Time by Emily Murphy. **Our garden mentioned as example.**
- **Grow Native:** Bringing Natural Beauty to Your Garden by Lynn M. Steiner
- **The Midwestern Native Garden:** Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants by Charlotte Adelman & Bernard L. Schwartz

FREE INFO/ID CHARTS/NATIVE PLANT LISTS, etc: Great resources for native plant & gardening info.

- **Audubon Native Plant Database** enter zip code, see what native plants grow in your area: www.audubon.org/native-plants
- **National Wildlife Federation** enter zip code, see what native plants grow in your area: www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/
- **Illinois Wildflowers** info on native plants: www.illinoiswildflowers.info
- **USDA Plants Database** info on native plants: www.plants.usda.gov
- **Wild Ones** excellent organization with local chapters around the country: ww.wildones.org
- **Landscaping for Wildlife** (IL Dept of Natural Resources) www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/documents/00000227.pdf
- **Landscaping with Native Plants** (EPA) www.waterfordmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/587/Landscaping-with-Native-Plants-PDF
- **Habitat Guide for Chicago Land Owners: Enhancing Your Property for Birds** (City of Chicago) www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/doe/general/NaturalResourcesAndWaterConservation_PDFs/Birds/BirdHabitatGuidelines.pdf
- **Citizens for Conservation** www.citizensforconservation.org/education/learning-resources/native-plant-lists/
- **Field Museum Identification Guides/Charts** fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/guides (Go to "Chicago Region" in dropdown "Region" menu)
- **Illinois Common Birds Coloring Book** (IL Dept of Natural Resources) Great for kids! www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/documents/00000683.pdf

RESOURCES CONTINUED

ORGANIZATIONS: Great resources for information, education, conferences, seminars, native plant sales, etc! There's many out there- here's a few:

- **Morton Arboretum** Lisle, IL www.mortonarb.org
- **Chicago Botanic Garden** Glencoe, IL www.chicagobotanic.org
- **Wild Ones** Many state chapters & nationally- www.wildones.org
- **Illinois Audubon Society** www.illinoisaudubon.org
- **Chicago Audubon Society** www.chicagoaudubon.org
- **Chicago Ornithology Society** www.chicagobirder.org
- **Citizens for Conservation** www.citizensforconservation.org
- **Conservation@Home/The Conservation Foundation** Get your wildlife garden certified! www.theconservationfoundation.org/conservation-home/

IDENTIFICATION HELP:

- **All About Birds** (Cornell Lab of Ornithology) Excellent online guide to birds and bird watching. www.allaboutbirds.org
- **Sibley Guide to Birds** by David Allen Sibley (Book) Also available in regional additions- Birds of Eastern North America, Birds of Western North America
- **The Sibley eGuide to Birds of North America** by David Allen Sibley (app)
- **Plants Database** (US Dept of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service) Wondering if a plant is native to the US? Look it up at this site, - enter plant name into search field. www.usda.gov
- **Illinois Wildflowers** Look up/learn about Illinois wildflowers- www.illinoiswildflowers.info

HABITAT RESTORATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Help restore local preserves! There's many organizations out there, here's a few:

- **North Branch Restoration Project** www.northbranchrestoration.org
- **Friends of the Greenbay Trail** www.gbtrail.org
- **Forest Preserves of Cook County** www.fpdcc.com/events/category/activity/restoration/
- **Forest Preserves of DuPage County** www.dupageforest.org/get-involved/volunteer

COMMUNITY SCIENCE: Help scientists/researchers by recording your observations! It's FUN!

- **Project Feeder Watch** (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Bird Studies Canada) November-April count of birds that visit your feeders/garden or other site. Good way to enjoy winter! www.feederwatch.org
- **The Great Backyard Bird Count** (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon, Bird Studies Canada, eBird) Every February for 4 consecutive days. www.birdcount.org
- **Global Big Day** (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, eBird) Every May- one day global count. www.ebird.org/globalbigday
- **eBird** (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon) Online tool to record bird sightings for science. www.ebird.org
- **Journey North: Tracking Migrations and Seasons** Record sightings of Hummingbirds, Monarchs, Robins, etc. Reported sightings mapped in real-time- check migration progress. www.journeynorth.org

BIRD GARDEN BASICS:

- **INGREDIENTS:** Provide food, water, shelter
- **LANDSCAPE IN LAYERS:** Tall canopy trees, mid-level trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, ground covers, wood or stick pile
- **PLANT SELECTION:**
 - Choose native trees & plants
 - Early to late bloomers to cover all seasons
 - Nectar, fruit, seed, cone producing plants, caterpillar host plants
 - Variety for different bird diets/foraging styles, seasonal food, shelter opportunities
 - Remove invasive species: Buckthorn, Bradford Pear, Barberry, Euonymus (Burning Bush & Purple Winter Creeper), Privet, Non-native Honeysuckle, Lily of the Valley, Purple Loostripe, Vinca Vine, Ground Ivy, Asian Bittersweet, etc.
- **ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES:**
 - No insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, synthetic fertilizers
 - Minimize outdoor night lighting to protect beneficial/nutritious insects
 - Minimize or eliminate gas powered blowers/mowers, etc. (big polluters).
- **WATER:** Birds are attracted to the sound of water- essential for survival & hygiene.
 - Plants that "hold" water, such as Cup Plant, (*Silphium perfoliatum*), Hostas with cup shaped leaves, such as 'Drinking Gourd'.
 - Birdbath + water heater in winter (heated bird bath are available) + bubbler or pump to make sound, keep clean
 - Other water feature ideas: fountain, pondless waterfall, rock bubbler, pond and/or stream
- **LAWN:** Reduce or eliminate
 - If keeping some lawn, don't use treatments- let it grow naturally to provide food sources
- **KEEP DON'T CUT:** Minimize/eliminate fall clean-up. Insects/eggs/cocoons/critters over winter and/or hibernate in plant/leaf material, providing food for birds. Dried flower heads provide seed/food + add beauty to the winter garden. Fall foliage provides shelter through the winter.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT:** Optional
 - Nectar producing annuals
 - Nesting/roosting boxes/platforms
 - Feeders- keep clean
 - Water source