

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Backyard Bird Garden plant list

PERENNIALS

Botanical Name	Common name	Bird Benefits
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> DESERT EVE™ RED	yarrow	Nectar for Hummingbirds and seeds for small wintering birds.
<i>Agastache aurantiaca</i> 'Apricot Sprite'	hyssop or hummingbird mint	Provides nectar for Hummingbirds and seeds for Goldfinches and other small birds.
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	anise hyssop or hummingbird mint	Provides nectar for Hummingbirds and seeds for Goldfinches and other small birds. Native to North America.
<i>Agastache rugosa</i> 'Golden Jubilee'	wrinkled hyssop or Korean mint	Provides nectar for Hummingbirds and seeds for Goldfinches and other small birds.
<i>Aquilegia</i> 'Goldfinch' (Songbird Series)	columbine	Hummingbirds feed on the nectar and a variety of birds eat the seeds.
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	European wild ginger	From Eastern North America, this evergreen perennial forms dense carpets across the forest floor, providing shelter for ground-nesting birds.
<i>Astilbe</i> YOUNIQUE™ RASPBERRY	hybrid astilbe	Shelters ground-nesting birds.
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	blue false indigo	Eastern North American perennial; produces an abundance of seeds for a variety of songbirds.
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition'	blue grama or mosquito grass	Shelters ground-nesting birds and provides seeds for various birds.
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> 'Little Tickler'	northern sea oats	Provides nesting material, shelter for ground-nesting birds and seeds for Towhees, Juncos, Sparrows and Finches.
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	bunchberry	This native BC groundcover provides berries for Spruce Grouse, Warbling Vireos and other birds.
<i>Echinacea</i> DELICIOUS CANDY® ('Noortdeli')	coneflower	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seeds for wintering songbirds.
<i>Echinacea</i> HOT SUMMER®	coneflower	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seeds for wintering songbirds.
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> RUBY STAR ('Rubinstern')	coneflower	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seeds for wintering songbirds.
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> 'Arizona Apricot'	blanket flower	Goldfinches, Chickadees, Nuthatches and other birds eat the seeds in autumn.

<i>Heuchera</i> CARNIVAL COFFEE BEAN ('Balcarcean')	coral bells	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Carnival Fall Festival'	coral bells	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Tokyo'	coral bells	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Golden Tiara'	variegated hosta	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Hosta</i> 'Guacamole'	hosta	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Kniphofia</i> 'Mango Popsicle'	red hot poker plant or torch lily	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Kniphofia</i> 'Poco Orange'	red hot poker plant or torch lily	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Leonotis menthifolia</i> 'Savannah Sunset'	lion's ear	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Liatris spicata</i> 'Floristan Wiess'	blazingstar, gayfeather	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seed for birds in winter.
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i> var. <i>angustifolia</i>	Sierra Madre lobelia	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Lobelia</i> × <i>speciosa</i> 'Vulcan Red'	hybrid lobelia	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Monarda citriodora</i>	lemon bergamot	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Pink Lace'	bee balm, bergamot	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> 'Red Head'	fountain grass	Seeds eaten by small songbirds, Finches and Weavers in autumn.
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Husker Red'	foxglove penstemon	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 'Heavenly Blue'	foothill penstemon	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> 'Miss Manners'	obedient plant	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Podophyllum pleianthum</i>	Chinese mayapple	Protective groundcover and small, edible, egg-shaped fruit for birds.
<i>Podophyllum</i> 'Spotty Dotty'	hybrid mayapple	Protective groundcover and small, edible, egg-shaped fruit for birds.
<i>Salvia</i> 'Amistad'	sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia elegans</i> 'Tangerine'	tangerine sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Big Pink'	autumn sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Cherry Chief'	autumn sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Lowry's Peach'	autumn sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia greggii</i> 'Raspberry Royale'	autumn sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	cancer weed	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia</i> 'Wendy's Wish'	sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia</i> × <i>superba</i> 'Merleau Blue'	hybrid sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia</i> × <i>sylvestris</i> BLUE HILL 'Blauhügel'	flowering sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Sedum</i> 'Dazzleberry'	stonecrop	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seeds for songbirds.
<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	broadleaf stonecrop	Attracts butterflies, bees. Seeds feed songbirds in winter.
<i>Sedum telephium</i> 'Rainbow Xenox'	stonecrop	Nectar source for Hummingbirds and seeds for songbirds.

<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	prairie dropseed	Seeds eaten by Sparrows, Juncos and other songbirds.
<i>Stachys</i> 'Hidalgo'	Texas betony	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Trollius × cultorum</i> 'Alabaster'	hybrid globeflower	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
FERNS		
<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>	autumn fern	East Asian fern that forms excellent ground cover for small birds.
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	western sword fern	Southern BC's native evergreen sword fern forms excellent ground cover for small birds.
<i>Polystichum polyblepharum</i>	Japanese tassel fern	Protective ground cover for small birds. Native to Japan and Korea.
SHRUBS		
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> 'Obelisk'	Saskatoon serviceberry	Bluejays, Robins, Crows and Cedar Waxwings eat the berries in late summer. This deciduous tree also provides shelter.
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Autumn Magic'	black chokeberry	Waxwings, Thrushes, Starlings and Finches eat the berries of this deciduous shrub in autumn and winter.
<i>Aruncus</i> 'Misty Lace'	goatsbeard	Deciduous shrub. Female plants provide seeds for songbirds in fall and winter.
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	sweet pepperbush	This deciduous shrub from Eastern North America provides nectar for Hummingbirds and seeds for other birds in autumn.
<i>Corylus avellana</i> 'Contorta'	Harry Lauder's walking stick	Shelter, nesting habitat and nutritious hazelnuts for songbirds.
<i>Deutzia gracilis</i>	slender deutzia	Deciduous Japanese shrub with dense foliage, provides shelter for birds in summer.
<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i> var. <i>gracilis</i> 'Aurea'	golden Magellan fuchsia	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Golden Verboom'	winterberry	Berries eaten by Thrushes, Robins, Waxwings and Woodpeckers.
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Golden Verboom'	winterberry	This male holly pollinates the female, producing fruit for birds.
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Oosterwijk'	winterberry	Berries eaten by Thrush, Robins, Waxwings and Woodpeckers.
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i> 'Pink Cloud'	beautybush	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Natchez'	crape myrtle	Popular nesting site for Wrens and Songbirds. Nectar for Hummingbirds.
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> 'Anouk'	French or Spanish lavender	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.

<i>Lepechinia salviae</i>	pitcher sage, salvia blanca, white sage	Hummingbirds feed on the nectar of this Chilean perennial.
<i>Lonicera kamtschatica</i> 'Sinoglaska'	blue-berried honeysuckle	Nectar source for Hummingbirds; fruit for Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks.
<i>Lonicera kamtschatica</i> 'Wojtek'	blue-berried honeysuckle	Nectar source for Hummingbirds; fruit for Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks.
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	tall Oregon grape	Native evergreen shrub with yellow flowers that provide nectar for Hummingbirds. The dark blue berries are eaten by Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks.
<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	dull Oregon grape	Native evergreen shrub with yellow flowers that provide nectar for Hummingbirds. The dark blue berries are eaten by Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks.
<i>Mahonia</i> × <i>media</i> 'Charity'	hybrid mahonia	Native evergreen shrub with yellow flowers that provide nectar for Hummingbirds. The dark blue berries are eaten by Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks.
<i>Phygelius</i> 'Passionate'	Cape fuchsia	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	swamp gooseberry	Gooseberries are eaten by Robins, Jays, Towhees, Cedar Waxwing, Woodpeckers, while the flowers produce nectar for Hummingbirds.
<i>Ribes nigrum</i> 'Consort'	European black currant	Gooseberries are eaten by Robins, Jays, Towhees, Cedar Waxwing, Woodpeckers, while the flowers produce nectar for Hummingbirds.
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	flowering currant	The currants are eaten by Robins, Jays, Towhees, Cedar Waxwing, Woodpeckers, while Hummingbirds feed on nectar from the clusters of pink flowers.
<i>Salvia dorisiana</i>	fruit sage	Native to Honduras, fruit sage is a nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Mexican bush sage	Native to Mexico and the tropical Americas, this sage is an excellent nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia</i> × <i>jamensis</i> 'Hot Lips'	hybrid sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Salvia</i> × <i>jamensis</i> 'Maraschino'	hybrid sage	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> × <i>doorenbosii</i> 'Magic Berry'	snowberry	Nectar source for Hummingbirds; fruit for Towhees, Thrushes, Robins, Grosbeaks, Waxwings.

<i>Taxus × media</i> 'Hicksii'	Hick's yew	Birds enjoy eating the red berry-like seeds but the seeds are poisonous to humans.
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	red huckleberry	Red huckleberries are eaten by Thrushes, Towhees, Flickers, Jays, Robins, Waxwings, Sparrows, Orioles, Chickadees across the Pacific Northwest.
<i>Vaccinium</i> 'Pink Lemonade'	highbush blueberry	These tasty blueberries are eaten by Thrushes, Towhees, Flickers, Jays, Robins, Waxwings, Sparrows, Orioles, Chickadees.
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	mountain cranberry	Mountain cranberries are found across the northern hemisphere, feeding Thrushes, Towhees, Flickers, Jays, Robins, Waxwings, Sparrows, Orioles, Chickadees with their tasty fruit.
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	nannyberry	Nannyberries are eaten by Waxwings, Flickers, Nuthatches, Finches, Robins, Jays, while the shrub's dense branches are used nesting.
<i>Weigela florida</i> 'Rumba'	weigela	Nectar source for Hummingbirds.
TREES		
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	vine maple	Small, native, deciduous tree. Attracts Hummingbirds, songbirds, bees and butterflies. Provides seeds for grosbeaks, woodpeckers, and finches, cover and nesting sites and materials. Songbirds forage for insects that feed on the foliage.
<i>Acer palmatum</i> 'Koto-no-ito'	cutleaf Japanese maple	Shelter, nesting materials and nesting habitat for small birds.
<i>Betula nigra</i> HERITAGE® (syn. 'Cully')	river birch	Provides nesting habitat and its seeds are eaten by Chickadees, Siskins, Warblers, Vireos and Goldfinches.
<i>Cornus mas</i> 'Golden Glory'	cornelian cherry	Summer fruit for Cedar Waxwings, Robins and other birds
<i>Diospyros kaki</i> 'Hachiya'	Japanese persimmon	Persimmon fruit are eaten by larger birds like Crows.
<i>Malus × adstringens</i> GLADIATOR ('Durpleo')	crabapple	Nectar for Hummingbirds; fruit for Waxwings, Thrushes, Grosbeaks, Robins, Woodpeckers, Towhees, Finches.

<i>Morus nigra</i>	black mulberry	Black mulberry produces delicious berries in summer that are eaten by Waxwings, Vireos, Goldfinches, Robins, Thrushes, Starlings, Finches.
<i>Picea omorika</i>	Serbian spruce	This dense narrow conifer from Eastern Europe provides excellent shelter and nesting habitat for many birds.
<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i>	mountain hemlock	BC's native mountain hemlock provides shelter and nesting habitat, while Woodpeckers and Chickadees dine on insects in its bark and branches. Jays, Juncos, Siskins, Finches feed on seeds from the cones.
VINES		
<i>Clematis</i> 'Doctor Ruppel'	clematis	Provides cover for Finches and fluffy seeds for food and nesting material.
<i>Clematis</i> 'Gillian Blades'	clematis	Provides cover for Finches and fluffy seeds for food and nesting material.
<i>Clematis</i> 'H.F. Young'	clematis	Provides cover for Finches and fluffy seeds for food and nesting material.
<i>Clematis</i> PINK CHAMPAGNE ('Kakio')	clematis	Provides cover for Finches and fluffy seeds for food and nesting material.
<i>Clematis</i> 'Rouge Cardinal'	clematis	Provides cover for Finches and fluffy seeds for food and nesting material.