

# Garden Notes-Birds

Every year millions of Americans discover the pleasure of attracting birds. Whether you are surrounded by wooded areas or live in an urban setting, birds will frequent your yard if you provide them with the basic elements they require: food, water, protective cover, and a sheltered place for nesting and rearing young.

## Food

Amur Maple  
Barberry  
Birch  
Bittersweet  
Burning Bush  
Cherry (sand)  
Chokeberry  
Cotoneaster  
Crabapple  
Currant  
Dogwood  
Elderberry  
Gooseberry  
Hackberry  
Hawthorn  
Holly  
Honeysuckle  
Juniper  
Plum  
Pyracantha  
Redbud  
Russian Olive  
Serviceberry  
Soapberry  
Sumac  
Viburnum  
Yew

## Cover

Cedar  
Pine  
Juniper  
Spruce  
Shingle Oak  
Holly  
Fir  
Pyracantha

Water-Water is an irresistible enticement to birds, and it's especially important to supply water in the winter when natural puddles, pools and ponds are frozen. Most song birds are wary of deep water, so whether it is a pond or a bird bath, your water source should be shallow or have gently sloping edges.

Nesting- As a general rule, most songbirds prefer to nest at heights between 6-12'. In addition to 'cover' plants listed above, other prime landscape plants for nesting songbirds are small shade trees such as Dogwood, Hawthorn, Redbud, and large shrubs.

