Birding in SuBIRDia!

“All Things Green”
Free 1st Thursday Brownbags

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Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center near Denton & Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary.
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Nebraska’s Birds: How much do you know?

- How Many Birds In Nebraska? 461 366 225
- What’s our State Bird? Western Meadowlark
- Heaviest bird in Nebraska? Trumpeter Swan
- Lightest bird in Nebraska? Ruby-throated hummingbird
- Fastest bird in Nebraska? Peregrine Falcon

Photo: Adrian Olivera
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54% of U.S. is now developed as suburban or urban areas, the “suburban/urban matrix”

Plants in suburban and urban areas tend to be about 80% NON-native
SuBIRDia does exist!
Meeting birds’ needs in the places people live

Food
Shelter
Safe passage
Places to raise young

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Native Plants Are Better for Birds

Four Plant Food Groups for Birds

- Berries and fruits
- Nuts and seeds
- Nectar
- ?

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Photo by Jesse Gordon
Photo by Nick Shearman
96% of land birds feed insects to their chicks

Photo by Christopher Ciccone
Insects

Best Caterpillar Trees

Oak  557
Willow  456
Cherry  456
Birch  413
Crabapple  311
Blueberry  288
Maple  285
Pine  203
Hickory  200

Photo by Doug Tallamy
Nestling chickadees eat 390-570 caterpillars per day, or... 
...over 9,000 caterpillars until they fledge.
Minimize Pesticide Use
What plants are native to my area?

What birds can I attract?

How can I get local support?
Plants for Birds

Native Plants Database

Bring more birds to your home with native plants

Enter your zip code to use Audubon’s native plants database and view a list of the best plants for birds in your area, as well as local resources and links to more information. By entering your email address, you'll receive an emailed list of the native plants you've selected, get additional tips on creating your bird-friendly habitat, and help us keep track of your contributions to our efforts to get 1 million native plants for birds in the ground. Privacy Policy

Purple Coneflower and American Goldfinch. Photo: Will Stuart
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We've found native plants for your zip code. The nearest Audubon offering native plant services is Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary in Gibbon, NE. They can help.

Best Results 40  Full Results 137  Local Resources  Next Steps

The Best Results for your area have been hand-selected by Audubon experts in your region. They are important bird resources that are relatively easy to grow and are available at native plant nurseries. Filter your results by types of plants, resources, and the bird families you'd like to attract, or search for specific plant names. Add plants to your list by selecting the checkbox below each plant profile. Then click the orange "Get your plant list" button below to receive an emailed list.

Common Yarrow (Achillea millefolium)

A spreading perennial herb with feathery compound leaves that grows to three feet tall. Its flower heads are arranged in large, flat, compact clusters at the top of the stem. There is some confusion over the categorization of this species in North America, as substantial hybridization has occurred between native and Eurasian strains. Common Yarrow forms spreading colonies and may be best suited for naturalized areas.

White Sagebrush (Artemisia ludoviciana)

Also known as White Sage, White Sagewort, and Prairie Sage. A perennial shrub that grows to 3 feet in size, with attractive silvery foliage. Medium-low water use.

Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)

Add all plants below to your list | Clear List

Sort by: Common Name | Scientific Name

Sparrows  Chickadees & Titmice

Finches  Crows & Jays

Add to your plant list
BROWN THRASHERS love native shrubs!

- American Plum
- Red Mulberry
- Smooth Sumac
ORCHARD ORIOLES love dogwoods and American Plum thickets.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES love American Elm and other native trees!
Woodpeckers!
Nuthatches!
Bluebirds & blue birds!
Blackbirds & black birds!
Hawks & Falcons!
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