

NATIVE PLANTS THAT BENEFIT BLUEBIRDS IN NEW JERSEY (8/4/15)

*Top 5 Native Berries for Birds in Northeast - Cornell Lab's Citizen Science Program

This list of fruit-bearing plants can be used to attract bluebirds to supplement their diets of insects. Insects can constitute as much as 70% of the bluebirds diet throughout the year. Even in the winter their diet is made up of 60% insects. When insects are abundant in spring and summer, bluebirds eat little else, with bugs and caterpillars making up 90% of their summer diet. However, bluebirds rely on berries and wild fruits when insects are less available.

Summer-Autumn Bearing Fruit Plants

Common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)*
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)*
Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)*

Alternate leaf dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)
American beautyberry (*Callicarpa dichotma*)
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
Common chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)
Greenbriar (*Smilax rotundifolia*)
Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
Highbush huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*)
Lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)
Mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)
Nannyberry (*Viburnum lenyago*)
Pin cherry (*Prunus pennsylvanica*)
Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)
Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)
Roundleaf dogwood (*Cornus rugosa*)
Wild grape (*Vitis* spp.)
Witherod (*Viburnum nudum*)

Winter Bearing Fruit Plants

Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)*
Southern arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)*

Alder (*Alnus serrulata*)
American holly (*Ilex opaca*)
Bayberry (*Myrica pennsylvanica*)
Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)
Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
Honey winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)
Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)
Mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*)
Poison ivy (*Rhus radicans*)
Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*)
Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
Sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhena*)
Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
Washington hawthorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)
Winged sumac (*Rhus copallina*)