



Wildlife loves flowers.



Baby birds need insect larva to survive.



Insects are a major food source for birds.



Insects are beautiful, interesting, and useful.



Lawns>>>Blooms>>>Birds

Best practices to support birds and blooms

GOOD

- Replace portions of lawn with flowers and/or shrubs.
- Minimize pesticide use near flowers
- Minimize removal of previous years vegetation before winter
- Mulch

BETTER

- Replace portion of lawn with mixture of perennials/annual flowers and shrubs. Include native plants
- Minimal or no pesticide use near flowers and shrubs
- Remove/dispose of previous year vegetation in early spring
- Natural mulch

BEST

- Significant planting of native flowers, shrubs, and trees.
- Minimal use of pesticides on property
- Retain previous year's vegetation through late spring
- Natural mulch



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**Illinois
Master
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The Extension Master Naturalist program provides science-based educational opportunities that connect people with nature and help them become engaged environmental stewards.

We all have a responsibility to protect the natural resources in the places where we live.

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Additional Resources

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Create a Sustainable Garden that Supports Wildlife

National Wildlife Federation
nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

Trees and Shrubs that Attract Birds

The Morton Arboretum

mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/horticulture-care/trees-and-shrubs-attract-birds

How to Design a Bird-friendly Landscape

by Melissa Mayntz, The Spruce

thespruce.com/design-a-bird-friendly-landscape-386418

Planting Natives to Combat Invasive Plants

Midwest Invasive Plant Network
mipn.org

Wild Ones Native Garden Design

nativegardendesigns.wildones.org

Creating A Garden for Birds

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

f.hubspotusercontent20.net/hubfs/95627/Creating-a-Garden-2012-03-27-RGB.pdf

Enhancing Your Landscape for Birds Webinar Recording

The Ohio State University

youtu.be/lPinreFQDkg

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Washington Greenhouse

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Turning lawn into blooms?

Please send pictures to Jeff Staecker:

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Butterflies and birds add color and interest to your yard.



Birds and insects need a low pesticide habitat.



Insects lay their eggs in mulch and on plants.



Established perennial gardens require less maintenance.

