

Lawns >>> Blooms >>> Birds

Best practices to support birds and blooms



Wildlife loves flowers.



Baby birds need insect larva to survive.



Insects are a major food source for birds.



Insects are beautiful, interesting, and useful.



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



- 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



- 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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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.

Additional Resources

Illinois Master Naturalist Program
University of Illinois Extension
extension.illinois.edu/mn

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
2679 Centennial Drive, Washington, Illinois 61571
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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.

