

Plants for songbirds, hummingbirds, butterflies & small mammals:

Perennials & Vines

Plant name	value:	animals that use it:	culture, notes:
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> (ajuga)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - SH - S, A - W
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> (columbine)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A - W
<i>Arabis species</i> (rock cress)	nectar	butterfly	S, A
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (swamp milkweed)	foliage nectar	butterfly caterpillars butterflies	S, W
<i>Asclepias syriacus</i> (milkweed)	foliage nectar	butterfly caterpillars butterflies	S, A - D
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	nectar	butterflies	S, A - D
<i>Aster species</i> (aster)	seed nectar	songbirds butterflies	S, A-D
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i> (false rock cress)	nectar	butterflies	S, HS, A
<i>Buddleia davidii</i> (butterfly bush)	nectar	butterflies, hummingbirds	S, A; deer shun
<i>Campanula species</i> (bellflowers)	seed	songbirds	S - HS, A - W
<i>Campsis radicans</i> (trumpet vine)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Celastrus scandens</i> (bittersweet)	fruit	songbirds (waxwing)	S - HS, A
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaganoides</i> (plumbago)	nectar	butterflies	HS-S, A
<i>Chelone species</i> (turtlehead)	foliage	butterflies (Baltimore)	S - HS - SH, W - A
<i>Chrysanthemum spp.</i> (mum, daisy)	seed	songbirds	S, A
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> (bull thistle)	nectar	butterflies, hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Coreopsis spp.</i> (tickseed)	seed	songbirds	S - HS, A - D
<i>Delphinium species</i> (delphinium)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> (sweet William)	nectar	butterflies, hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i> (bleeding heart)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A
<i>Digitalis species</i> (foxglove)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A
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<i>Echinacea spp.</i> (purple coneflower, etc.)	seed nectar	songbirds (finch) butterflies	S - HS, A - D
<i>Eupatorium species</i> <i>E. maculatum</i> (Joe Pye weed), <i>E. perfoliatum</i> (boneset)	nectar	butterflies	S, W - A
<i>Gaillardia grandiflora</i> (blanket flower)	nectar	butterflies	S, A - D
<i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy)	homes	songbirds	SH - HS, A
<i>Hemerocallis species</i> (daylily)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, D - A - W

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Heuchera species (coral bells)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A
Hibiscus moscheutos (hardy hibiscus)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, W - A
Iberis sempervirens (candytuft)	nectar	butterflies	S, A - D
Iris species I. germanica (bearded I.) I. Kaempferi, I. laevigata, I. pseudacorus, I. sibirica	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A S, W - A
Lavandula angustifolia (lavender)	nectar	butterflies	S, A - D
Lobelia species (L. cardinalis: cardinal flower; L. siphilitica, Great blue lobelia)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A - W
Lonicera sempervirens (pink vine honeysuckle)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, HS, A
Mertensia virginica (Virginia bluebells)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A
Monarda species (bee balm)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A - W
Nepeta Mussinii (catmint)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - D
Oenothera species (primrose)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - S, A - W
Panicum spp. (switchgrass)	seed	songbirds	S - HS, A - D
Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper)	fruit homes	songbirds songbirds	S - HS, SH, A
Phlox paniculata (garden phlox)	nectar	butterflies, hummingbirds	HS - S, A
Polygonum species knotweeds: P. affine, P. Bistorta 'Superbum', P. cuspidatum 'Compactum'	nectar	hummingbird	S - HS, A - W
Primula species Candelabra primroses P. beesiana, P. japonica	nectar	butterflies	HS - S, A - W
Rudbeckia spp. (blackeye Susan, etc.)	seed	songbirds	S, A - D
Ruta graveolens (rue)	foliage	butterfly caterpillars	S, A
Salvia officinalis (perennial sage)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - D
Sambucus ebulus (dwarf elder)	nectar	butterflies, hummingbirds	S, A - W
Scabiosa caucasica (pincushion)	nectar	butterflies	S, A
Sedum spectabile (cabbage rose)	nectar	butterflies	S, A - D
Wisteria chinensis (wisteria)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A

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Annual plants

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<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> (love lies bleeding)	seed	songbirds	S, A
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i> (snapdragon)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Begonia semperflorens</i> (wax begonia)	nectar	hummingbird	HS - SH - S, A - W
<i>Calendula officinalis</i> (pot marigold)	seed	songbirds	S, A; self-sows
<i>Callistephus chinensis</i> (China aster)	seed	songbirds	S, A
<i>Canna x generalis</i> (canna)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - W
<i>Celosia</i> spp. (cockscomb/celosia)	seed nectar	songbirds butterflies	S, A
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i> (bachelor button)	seed	songbirds	S, A - D
<i>Cicchorium intybus</i> (chicory)	seed	songbirds (finch)	S, A - D
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i> (spiderflower)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Consolida ambigua</i> (annual larkspur)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A; self-sows
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> (cosmos)	seed	songbirds	S, A; self-sows
<i>Dahlia hybrids</i> (dahlia)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> (CA poppy)	seed	songbirds (doves)	S, A
<i>Fuchsia hybrids</i> (fuchsia)	nectar	hummingbirds	HS - SH, A
<i>Gladiola hybrids</i> (gladiola)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Impatiens</i> species I. balsamina (garden balsam), I. wallerana	nectar (impatiens)	hummingbirds I capensis (spotted touch-me-not)	S - HS - SH; A - W
<i>Ipomoea convulvus</i> (morning glory)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A; self sows
<i>Lantana hybrids</i> (ham n' eggs)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - W
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> (four o'clock)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
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<i>Nicotiana alata</i> (flowering tobacco)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A
Parsley family (dill, fennel, parsley, Queen Anne's lace)	foliage	butterfly caterpillars	S, A
<i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i> (geranium)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Petunia hybrids</i> (petunia)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A
<i>Phlox drummondii</i> (annual phlox)	seed	songbirds	S, A - D
<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> (moss rose)	seed	songbirds	S, A - D; self-sows
<i>Salvia</i> species (red salvia; herb sages)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - D
<i>Silene</i> spp. (catchfly)	seed	songbirds	S, A
<i>Tagetes</i> spp. (marigold)	seed	songbirds	S, A - D
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i> (nasturtium)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A - D
<i>Verbena</i> hybrids (garden verbena)	nectar	butterflies	S, A
<i>Zinnia elegans</i> (zinnia)	nectar	hummingbird	S, A

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Shrubs

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<i>Azalea</i> species (azalea)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A
<i>Caragana arborescens</i> (peashrub)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A - D
<i>Chaenomeles</i> species (quince)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A - D
<i>Cornus</i> spp. (dogwood) <i>C. amomum</i> (silky dogwood), <i>C. stolonifera</i> (redtwig), <i>C. racemosa</i> (graystem), <i>C. mas</i> (cornelian cherry)	fruit	songbirds, small mammals	#1 plant; S, HS, A - W
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp. (cotoneaster)	fruit homes	songbirds (waxwings), mammals songbirds, small mammals	S - HS, A - D; winter food
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> (Rose of Sharon)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A - W
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> (winterberry)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S-HS, A-W; winter food
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i> (beauty bush)	nectar homes	hummingbirds songbirds	S - HS, A
<i>Ligustrum</i> spp. (privet)	fruit homes	songbirds songbirds, small mammals	S - HS, A - D winter food
<i>Lindera benzoin</i> (spicebush)	fruit	songbirds	#1 plant; S - HS - SH, A - W winter food
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> (grapeholly)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S, HS; A
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i> (bayberry)	fruit	songbirds	S, A; winter food
<i>Pyracantha</i> hybrids (firethorn)	fruit homes	songbirds (waxwings) songbirds, small mammals	S - HS, D - A; winter food
<i>Rhus</i> spp. (sumac)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S, A; winter food
<i>Ribes odoratum</i> (clove currant)	nectar fruit homes	hummingbirds songbirds, small mammals songbirds	S - HS, A
<i>Rosa</i> , hedge types (rose)	fruit homes	songbirds, small mammals small mammals, songbirds	S, A; winter food
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> (elderberry)	nectar	butterflies	#1 plant; S, A - W; deer shun
<i>Symphoricarpos alba</i> (snowberry)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S - HS, A; winter food
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> (lilac)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Vaccinium</i> spp. (blueberry)	fruit homes	songbirds, mammals songbirds	S - HS, A
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> (arrowwood)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S, A; winter food
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> (American cranberry bush)	fruit homes	songbirds (waxwing), mammals songbirds	S - HS, A -W; winter food
<i>Weigela florida</i> (weigela)	nectar	hummingbirds	S - HS, A

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Small Trees

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<i>Acer palmatum</i> , <i>A. ginnala</i> (Japanese and Amur maple)	seeds	small mammals	S - HS, A
<i>Amelanchier</i> spp. (serviceberry)	fruit	songbirds, mammals	S - HS, A - W
<i>Cornus</i> spp. (dogwood) Kousa dogwood, flowering dogwood, pagoda dogwood, giant dogwood	fruit	songbirds	HS - S, A
<i>Craetegus</i> species (hawthorn)	nectar fruit	hummingbirds songbirds (waxwings, robins)	S, A - D
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> (red cedar)	fruit homes	songbirds, mammals songbirds, small mammals	#1 plant; S, A - D; winter food
<i>Malus</i> varieties (crabapple)	nectar fruit	hummingbirds songbirds, small mammals	S, A
<i>Prunus</i> spp. (cherry)	fruit homes	songbirds, mammals songbirds, small mammals	S, A - D
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> (mt. ash)	fruit	songbirds (waxwings)	S, A - D

Large Trees

Plant name	value:	animals that use it:	culture, notes:
<i>Acer</i> spp. (maple)	seed/sap homes	songbirds, mammals /butterflies all	#1 plant; S - HS, A
<i>Aesculus</i> species (horsechestnut)	nectar	hummingbirds	S, A
<i>Betula</i> spp. (birch)	seed homes (song)	songbirds (finches) songbirds (chickadees)	S, A
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> (hackberries)	seed homes	songbirds, small mammals songbirds, small mammals	#1 plant; S - HS, A
<i>Fagus</i> spp. (beech)	seed homes	songbirds, mammals all - many cavities	S - HS - SH, A
<i>Picea</i> spp. (spruce)	homes seed	songbirds, small mammals small mammals	S, A - W
<i>Pinus</i> spp. (spruce)	homes seed	songbirds, small mammals small mammals	#1 plant; S, A - D
<i>Quercus</i> spp. (oak)	homes seed	songbirds, small mammals small mammals	#1 plant; S, A - W
<i>Salix</i> species (willow)	nectar homes	butterflies songbirds, small mammals	#1 plant; S, W - A
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i> (hemlock)	homes fruit	songbirds, small mammals small mammals	S - HS - SH, A winter food
<i>Ulmus</i> spp. (elm)	seed homes	songbirds, small mammals songbirds, small mammals	#1 plant; S, A - W

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Especially for Butterfly Lovers: Plants to Feed Butterfly Caterpillars (Because there are no butterflies that appear fully grown!)

Butterfly

American Painted Lady

Painted Lady

Monarch

Baltimore

Black Swallowtail

Giant Swallowtail

Tiger Swallowtail

Pipevine Swallowtail

Checkered White

Veined White

Olympia Marblewing

Mourning Cloak

Tawny Emperor

Hackberry Butterfly

Cabbage White

Common Sulfur

Orange Sulfur

Little Yellow

Red Admiral

Question Mark

Viceroy

Silvery Crescentspot

Gorgone Crescentspot

Brown Elfin

Frosted Elfin

Hoary Edge

Henry's Elfin

Olive Hairstreak

Hickory Hairstreak

Eastern Tailed Blue

Spring Azure

racemosa,

Atlantis Fritillary

Common Checkered Skipper

Tawny Edge Skipper

Falcate Orangetop

Zebra Swallowtail

Host Plants

everlastings: *Antennaria dioica*#, *Anaphalis* species (spp.)

Gnaphalium spp.

Cirsium species (thistles), other *Compositae** (daisy)

*Asclepiaceae** (milkweeds)

Chelone species (turtlehead), sometimes white ash@

*Umbelliferae**: Queen Anne's lace, dill, fennel, parsley; *Ruta graveolens*

Ruta graveolens (rue)

Salix spp. (willow)@, *Populus* spp. (cottonwood)@, *Betula* spp. (birch)@,

Fraxinus spp. (ash)@, *Prunus* spp. (cherry)@, *Liriodendron tulipifera*

(tulip-tree)@

Aristolochia macrophylla (Dutchman's pipe vine)

Cleome hasslerana (Spiderflower)

Arabis spp. (rock cress), *Dentaria* (toothwort)

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willow@, *Ulmus* spp. (elm)@, *Celtis* spp. (hackberry)@, cottonwood@

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broccoli, etc.; *nasturtium*

clover, legumes (perennial sweet pea)

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hops, *Urticaceae** (incl. stinging nettle)

hackberry@, hops, *Urticaceae** (including stinging nettle)

mainly willow@; sometimes poplar@, *Malus* spp. (apple)@, plum@

sunflower, *Rudbeckia laciniata*, *Asteraceae** (asters)

sunflower, other *Compositae**

azalea, blueberry, bearberry

Lupinus spp, *Baptisia australis*

Baptisia australis (false indigo)

redbud@, blueberry

Juniperus virginiana (red cedar)

Carya spp. (hickory)@

legumes (incl. sweet pea)

Cornus spp. (dogwood)@, *Ceanothus* spp.@, *Viburnum* spp.

(arrowwood, Koreanspice, American cranberrybush), *Cimicifuga*

Spiraea spp.

Viola canadensis (violet)

*Malvaceae** (rose mallow)

grasses including *Panicum virgatum* (switch grass)

Arabis spp., *Sisymbrium* spp. (hedge mustard)

paw paw tree@

* Capitalized names ending in "aea" or "ea" refer to a family of plants. Some common plants within the family are listed for you. Consult the reference book such as *Hortus* for a listing of the plant groups within each family.

Use the botanical name of the plant when ordering; common names sometimes refer to a number of plants but butterfly caterpillars are dependent on a specific plant.

@ Trees that are hosts are indicated with this symbol