

Bird-Friendly Backyards

TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT



PLANT NATIVE VEGETATION

Grasses and flowers that are native to Fayette county will be more effective at attracting local birds without sacrificing your backyard aesthetic. Look for black-eyed Susans, Canadian Goldenrod, and Butterfly Milkweed to make your yard pop while attracting common songbirds in the process.

MAXIMIZE FOOD AVAILABILITY

Birds can have quite a bit of variability within their diets. Different fruits, seeds and even leaves can satisfy the diets of different species. Black cherry, serviceberry, and compassplant can be great options for Fayette county birds.

INCORPORATE VARIETY

To maximize the amount of bird habitat on a property, it is important to utilize various types of grasses, trees, and flowering plants. More plant diversity in the backyard will allow for more bird species to use the area for nesting sites and for reliable food sources.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The following links include more information about creating bird habitat in your backyard:

[Landscaping for Wildlife](#)

[Plant Iowa Native](#)

[Plants for Birds](#)

[Gardening for Wildlife](#)