

# Ways of Attracting Birds



**American Goldfinch**  
mulberry, sunflowers,  
seeds of garden flowers,  
weeds, and conifers

## Winter Protection

A windbreak of cedars, spruce, or pines with a crabapple tree tucked in on the sheltered side gives birds a warm, safe place to rest when the snow is deep. A food plot or feeder nearby helps keep the birds with you through the snowy months.



**Cardinal**  
autumn-olive, corn,  
dogwood, sunflower,  
various berries



**Eastern Bluebird**  
dogwood, honeysuckle,  
mountain-ash, redcedar,  
various berries

## Living Screens

Hedges and rows of trees screen off unpleasant views and reduce noise from highways. In crowded neighborhoods they offer privacy for your backyard activities. And they attract birds to your place year after year. Conifers, autumn-olive, dogwood, cotoneaster, or a combination of these make good living screens.

## Open Areas

Meadowlarks, bobolinks, and several kinds of sparrows favor open stretches of lawn and fields with few if any trees or shrubs. In seldom-mowed open areas, try planting a variety of native grasses. They protect the soil, and birds and mammals like the variety of foods.

## Living Fences

Hedges or rows of honeysuckle, dogwood, or autumn-olive can replace a wire fence between fields, can divide up fields, and can protect the house area. Cardinals, brown thrashers, and mockingbirds find living fences ideal.

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