

## California Native Plants that Attract Birds

Plant these natives to attract birds to your garden

Genus/Species	Part Used	When	Specific Birds
<i>Acacia Greggii</i>	Seeds	Summer	Mourning Dove
<i>Atriplex</i> species	Leaves/Seeds	Sum/Fall	Finches, Quail, Sparrows, Towhees
<i>Abies concolor</i>	Leaves	All-year	Blue Grouse, Red Crossbill, Clark's Nutcracker Pygmy Nuthatch
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Seeds/Buds/Flowers	Spr/Sum/Fall	Evening Grosbeak, many others
<i>Acer negundo</i>	<i>Same as macrophyllum in all categories</i>		
<i>Achillea borealis.</i>	Seeds	Summer	Goldfinches
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Seeds	Summer	Goldfinches
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	Nesting	Spring	Warblers
	Seeds	Summer	Pine Siskin, Goldfinches
	Buds	Spring	Cedar Waxwings
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	<i>Same as rhombifolia all categories</i>		
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Fruits	Summer	Many Species
<i>Antirrhinum multiflorum</i>	Flowers/Seeds	Spring/Sum	Hummingbirds & seed eaters
<i>Aquilegia</i> species	Flowers	Spring/Sum	Hummingbirds
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Fruit	Fall	Band-tailed Pigeon, Varied Thrush, Long Tailed Chat
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> species	Fruit	Sum/Fall	Jays, Grosbeaks, Mockingbirds, Fox Sparrow
	Flowers	Late Win/Early	Sp. Hummingbirds
<i>Artemisia</i> species	Leaves	Sage	Grouse, Quail
	All-Year		
	Flowers /Seeds	Spr/Sum /Fall	Towhee
<i>Asclepias</i> species	Stems, nests	Spring	Orioles
<i>Aster</i> species	Seeds	Fall	Finches, Sparrows
<i>Baccharis</i> species	Seeds	Sum/Fall	Finches, Sparrows
<i>Beloperon californica</i>	Flowers	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds, Finches, Sparrows
<i>Ceanothus</i> species	Seeds	Sum/Fall	Quail
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Seeds	Sum/Fall	Ducks
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Seeds/Flowers	Spr/Fall	Hummingbirds, Gold Finches
<i>Cercocarpus</i> species	Seeds/Leaves	Sum/Fall	Blue Grouse
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Seeds/Flowers	Spr/Fall	Hummingbirds, Doves
<i>Chrysothamnus</i> species	Seeds	Sum/Fall	Finches, Quail, Pine Siskin
<i>Comarostaphylis diversifolia</i>	Flowers/Fruits	Spr/Sum/Fall	MANY SPECIES!
<i>Cornus</i> species	Flowers/Fruits	Spr/Sum/Fall	MANY SPECIES!
<i>Cupressus</i> species	Seeds	Sum/Fall	Red-breasted Nuthatch & others
<i>Delphinium cardinale</i>	Flowers	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds
<i>Mimulus (Diplacus)</i> species	Flowers	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds
<i>Dudleya</i> species	Flowers	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds
<i>Eleocharis</i> species	Seeds/Culms/Tubers	Fall	Ducks, Teals, Geese, Scaups, Swans, Rails, Sandpipers, Snipe
<i>Encelia californica</i>	Seeds	Spr/Fall	Sparrows, Finches

<i>Equisetum</i> species	Stems/Rootstocks	All-Year	Geese, Swans, Waterfowl
<i>Eriogonum</i> species	Leaves/Seeds	All-Year	Finches, Juncos, Sparrows, Towhees
<i>Eschscholzia</i> species	Seeds	Summer	Quail
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	Fruit	Summer	Quail, Robin, Other Fruit Eating Birds
<i>Fragaria</i> species	Leaves/Fruit	All-Year	MANY SPECIES!
<i>Fraxinus</i> species	Seeds	Fall	Quail, Finches, Grosbeaks, Cedar Waxwings, Wood Ducks
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>	Flowers	Spring	Hummingbirds
<i>Geranium</i> species	Seeds	Summer	Doves, Quail, Towhees
<i>Helianthus</i> species	Seeds	Fall	Seed eating birds, Goldfinches, Bush Tits
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Berries	Winter	Blue Birds, Robins, Band-tailed Pigeon
<i>Heuchera maxima</i>	Flowers	Spring	Hummingbirds
<i>Juglans californica</i>	Nuts	Winter	Jays
<i>Keckiella</i> species	Flowers	Spr/Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Lavatera assurgentiflora</i>	Flowers/Seeds	Sum/Fall	Hummingbirds/Seed eaters
<i>Lepechinia calycina</i>	Flowers	Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Lonicera</i> species	Flowers/Berries	Spr/Sum/Fall	Hummingbirds, Towhees, Robins, Thrashers, Bluebird
<i>Lupinus</i> species	Seeds	Summer	Quail, Dove
<i>Mahonia nevinii</i>	Berries	Summer	Bluebirds, Thrashers, Robins, Towhee
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Berries	Summer	Thrashers, Robins, Towhees, Others
<i>Malacothamnus</i> species	Seeds	Fall	Bush Tits/Others
<i>Mimulus</i> species	Flowers	Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Monardella</i> species	Flowers	Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Penstemons</i> species	Flowers	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds
<i>Pinus</i> species	Seeds/Bark	All-Year	Jays, Nuthatches, Many species!
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Fuzz/Seeds	Spr/Winter	Seed eaters, fuzz used by Hummers for nesting
<i>Prunus</i> species	Berries	Summer	Jays, many others
<i>Quercus</i> species	Seeds	Fall/Winter	Jays, Hummers, Many species!
<i>Rhamnus</i> species	Berries	Summer	Jays, Thrashers, Berry eaters!
<i>Rhus</i> species	Berries	Spr/Sum	Thrashers, Towhees, Many species
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Berries/Flowers	Win/Sum	Hummingbirds, Thrashers, Towhees
<i>Ribes</i> species	Berries/Flowers	Win/Sum	Hummingbirds, Jays, Thrashers, others
<i>Rosa</i> species	Hips	Sum/Fall	Thrashers, Towhees Jays, Others
<i>Salix</i> species	Insects/Catkins	All-Year	Many Species Use Galls
<i>Salvia</i> species	Flowers/Seeds	Spr/Fall	Hummingbirds, Seed eaters
<i>Sambucus</i> species	Berries/Flowers	All-Year	Many, Many Species
<i>Scrophularia</i> species	Flowers/Seeds	Spr/Sum	Hummingbirds, Seed eaters
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Berries	Summer	Berry eaters
<i>Sidalcea</i> species	Seeds	Summer	Thrashers, Seed Eaters
<i>Solanum</i> species	Berries	Summer	Berry eaters
<i>Stachys</i> species	Flowers	Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Flowers	Summer	Hummingbirds
<i>Washington Filifera</i>	Dates	Sum/Fall	Cedar Waxwings, Others

*Epilobium (Zauschneria)*sp.    Flowers                      Sum/Fall                      Hummingbirds  
Don't forget that insect eating birds will visit most of these plants when looking for spiders, gnats, flies, moths, etc.

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