



Worst Wisconsin Invasive Plants

- Purple Loosestrife
- Tartarian Honeysuckle
- Garlic Mustard
- Reed Canary Grass
- Crown Vetch
- Common Buckthorn
- Glossy Buckthorn
- White Sweet Clover
- Yellow Sweet Clover
- Canada Thistle
- Wild Parsnip
- Musk also known as Nodding Thistle

Native Trees

Fruit Trees - you should have fruit trees for all seasons.

Fall- American Mountain Ash 14 bird species eat this, Snowy Mountain Ash

Summer- Black Cherries 47 bird species eat this, Red Mull Berries 44 bird species eat this

Winter- Eastern Red Cedars 54 bird species eat this

Seed Trees- Maples, Birches

Shelter Trees- White Spruce, Eastern Hemlock

Cavity Trees- Quaking Aspen, Oaks

Nut Trees- White Oak, Bur Oak, North Red Oak

Native Shrubs

Early-Summer Berries- Chokecherry, Service Berry

MidSummer Berries- Black berries, Raspberries, American Elder

Fall Berries- Dogwood, Nanny Berry

Winter Berries- Winterberry, Sumacs

Shrubs for Nests- Speckled Alder, Roses, Ninebark

Shrubs for Shelter- Common Juniper

Shrubs for Seeds- Speckled Alder

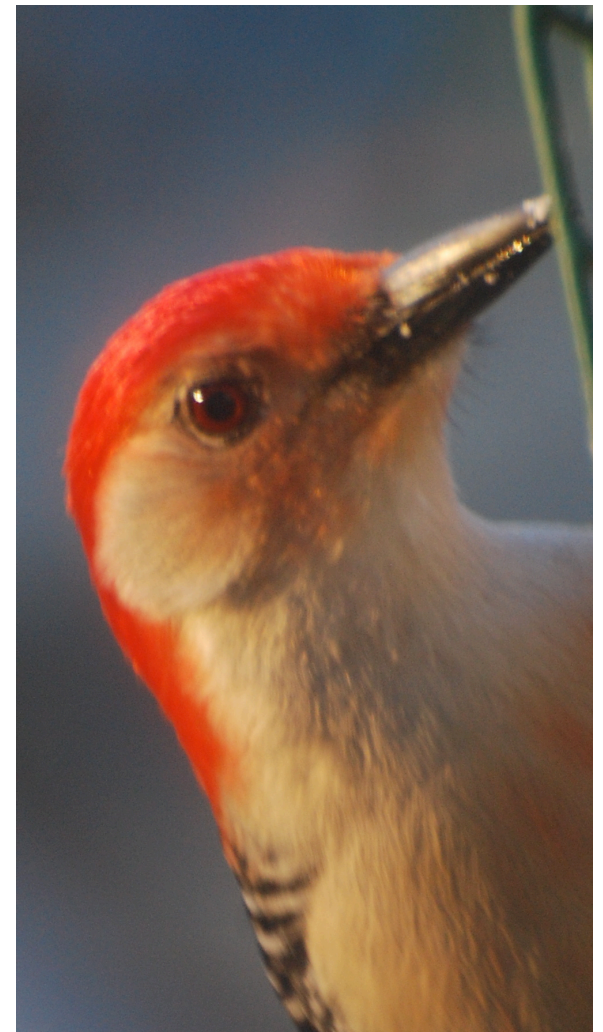
Native Vines

For Berries- American Bittersweet, 15 bird species, Riverbank Grape 52 bird species

For Shelter and Nesting- Greenbriar, Grapes

For Humming Birds- Trumpet Honeysuckle

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Why should we help the birds with landscaping ?

- Gives the birds shelter and food (helps a lot during migration)
- Some birds species are going extinct because of lose of habitat
- Most birds prefer natural sources of food
- Landscaping doesn't only bring birds to your yard it also brings other animals like butterflies and their young.

Getting Started

- First it would be a good idea to record everything you have in your yard.
- You might have regulations where you live, so talk to your local officials
- Test your soil

Plant Native

Native plants give the right nutrients and insects for the native birds

Planning Your Yard

- Keep Native plants and get rid of your Invasive plants. (The Native Plants should provide one or more of the following: berries, seeds, or nuts.) Choose a variety of seasons for the Native Plants.
- Try to create layers in your yard (Put your yard in as natural as you can get: trees, shrubs, vines, then herbaceous plants)
- Don't remove dead trees and shrubs, its insect food and **insects=birds**. You probably should remove dangerous branches.
- To provide some shelter create brush piles
- For the birds that look to the ground for food, ground scavenging, leave some leaves on the ground so they can look for food.
- Don't use herbicides, pesticides, or rodenticides they all harm birds.

Why Should You Eliminate/Lessen Your Grass?

- You would have to mow less
- Less fertilizing
- Less watering
- Less pollution
- More room for Native Plants

