

PLANTINGS FOR EASTERN BLUEBIRDS

Below, we have listed the trees/shrubs that produce berries/fruit that Eastern Bluebirds have been observed eating. All are considered native, non-invasive species and are recommended for planting on your property. Before purchasing, please check with your local nursery or Cooperative Extension to be sure they are rated to grow in your hardiness zone. We encourage you to be environmentally responsible by planting native species. **Note:** Although poison ivy is a native species and birds will utilize the berries, we do not recommend growing it due to its toxicity to humans.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Fall Fruit	Winter Fruit	Spring or Summer
Bayberry	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>		X	
Beautyberry, American Beauty Bush	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>			X
Bittersweet, American	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	X		
Cedar, Eastern Red	<i>Juniperus virginianum</i>		Preferred	
Cherry, Black	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	X		
Cherry, Pin/Wild Red	<i>Prunus pennsylvanica</i>	X		
Chokeberry, Red	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>		X	
Chokecherry, Black/Common	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	X		
Crabapple	<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	X		
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Preferred		
Dogwood, Red Osier	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	X		
Elderberry, American	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Preferred		
Grapes, Wild (Winter or Muscadine), Thompson Seedless Table Grapes, Concord, Delaware	<i>Vitis sp. (Winter is Vitis vulpine)</i>		X (small)	
Hackberry, Common	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		X	
Highbush Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	X		
Holly, American	<i>Ilex opaca</i>			X
Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	X		
Mountain Ash, American	<i>Sorbus americana</i>		X	
Mulberry, Red	<i>Morus rubra</i>	X		
Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>		X	
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>			X
Pokeweed, Common (pokeberry, pokeroor, inkberry)	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>			Preferred
Raspberry	<i>Rubus sp.</i>	X		
Red Currant	<i>Ribes triste</i>			X
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>			X
Serviceberry/Shadbush, Juneberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea (hybrid), A. canadensis</i>			X
Sumac, Staghorn	<i>Rhus typhina</i>		X	
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillate</i>	X		

Other Helpful Links

- National Wildlife Federation: Native Plant Finder (Based on Douglas Tallamy's Research)
- Audubon.org: Native Plant Database
- www.wildflower.org (Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center)

Bet Zimmerman Smith assisted with the compilation of this list. Further details on plantings may be found on her website at <https://www.sialis.org/plants>. For additional information on Eastern Bluebirds, visit the NYS Bluebird Society at www.nysbs.org.