Using Native Plants to Attract Songbirds to Your Garden

What is a songbird garden and how does it work?
A songbird garden is designed to provide essential habitat elements needed by the wide variety of songbirds of the Chesapeake Bay region. Plants provide nesting locations and shelter, as well as food from their seeds, nuts, berries and nectar. Planting a diverse selection of the perennials, shrubs, and trees help attract songbirds to your landscape year after year.

Why use native plants?
Native plants provide further benefits. They are adapted to local soil and climate conditions, create habitat for a variety of wildlife, and make up the beautiful, authentic landscape of the Chesapeake Bay region.

Constructing a songbird garden:
Many plants that attract songbirds work well in any number of residential and commercial landscapes. Select plants of various heights to provide habitat between the vegetation layers. Plant evergreen shrubs and trees to provide year-round cover. Eliminate the use of insecticides in your landscape. Insects are a primary food source for birds; and with their voracious appetites, birds are the best natural enemies of insect pests in the garden. Furthermore, many insects play important beneficial roles, such as pollination and predation of insect pests.

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Bayberry (Morella pensylvanica)

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**Native Plant Attractions Key**
- B=Beneficial insects
- H=Hummingbirds
- M=Mammals
- P=Pollinators
- S=Songbirds
- W=Waterfowl

**Shade Tolerance Key**
- Full Sun
- Partial Shade
- Full Shade

**Water Tolerance Key**
- SI=Seasonal Inundation
- RI=Regular Inundation
- U=Upland

**Height**
- 2'-4'  - 2'-4' feet
- 6'-12' - 6'-12' feet
- 10'-13' - 10'-13' feet
- 35'-50' - 35'-50' feet
- 40'-90' - 40'-90' feet
- Up to 60' - Up to 60' feet
- 50'-75' - 50'-75' feet
- 75'-100' - 75'-100' feet

**Water Tolerance**
- RI=Regular Inundation
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- U=Upland

**Period**
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October

**Color**
- yellowish green
- yellowish greenish
- greenish white
- whitish pink
- whitish pink
- yellow, orange
- red, purple brown
- lavender