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“Since 1970 The Bird
Population In North
America Has Decreased By
3 Billion Birds”


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Contiguous landscape of great diversity of **native** plants



*Only 4,000 Scrub Jays are still living in Florida.
Their decline is due to loss of habitat.*



54% of U.S. is now developed as suburban or urban areas, the "suburban/urban matrix"

Plants in suburban and urban areas tend to be about 80% NON-native

Plants for Birds: Native Plants Are Better for Birds



Native Plants Are Better for Birds

Four Native Plant Food Groups for Birds

- Berries & fruits
- Nuts and Seeds
- Nectar
- ?



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**96% of land birds
feed insects to
their chicks**





Best Caterpillar Trees

Oak	557
Willow	456
Cherry	456
Birch	413
Crabapple	311
Blueberry	288
Maple	285
Pine	203
Hickory	200



**Nestling
chickadees eat
390-570
caterpillars per
day, or...**

**...over 9,000
caterpillars until
they fledge**



Oaks: 557 species of caterpillars

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Ginkgo: 5 species of caterpillars

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A world without
insects is a world
without birds.

Plants are the
foundation of the
entire ecosystem

What can I do?



Habitat

Over-story
(canopy trees)

Mid-story
(small trees & shrubs)

Understory
(perennials & ground cover)

Ground
(Leaf litter, etc.)



Plant Native Plants

Save Birds

Everyone Can Help



What plants are native to my area?
What birds can I attract?
How can I get local support?



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Bring more birds to your home with native plants

Enter your 5-digit zip code to use Audubon's native plants database and explore the best plants for birds in your area, as well as local resources and links to more information. By entering your email address, you'll receive an emailed list of the native plants you've selected, get additional tips on creating your bird-friendly habitat, and help us keep track of your contributions to our efforts to get 1 million native plants for birds in the ground. [Privacy Policy](#)



Audubon's native plants database draws its plant data from the North American Plant Atlas of the [Biota of North America Program \(BONAP\)](#)

Search

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 We've found native plants for your zip code. The nearest Audubon offering native plant services is [Peace River Audubon Society](#) in Punta Gorda, FL. [They can help.](#)

Best Results 19

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[Local Resources](#)

[Next Steps](#)

In the United States, a native plant is defined as one that was naturally found in a particular area before European settlement. Native plants are the foundation of a region's biodiversity, providing essential food sources and shelter for birds, especially those threatened by the changing climate. Since native plants are adapted to local precipitation and soil conditions, they generally require less upkeep, therefore helping the environment and saving you time, water, and money. The key to getting started is picking the right plants for your area.

The **Best Results** for your area have been hand-selected by Audubon experts in your region. They are important bird resources that are relatively easy to grow and are available at native plant nurseries. Filter your results by types of plants, resources, and the bird families you'd like to attract, or search for specific plant names. Add plants to your list by selecting the checkbox below each plant profile. Then click the orange "Get your plant list" button below to receive an emailed list.

All types of plants



All plant resources



Attracts: Any type of bird



Filter by keyword

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61%

American Beauty-Berry

Callicarpa americana









American Beauty-Berry, or French Mulberry, is a showy, deciduous shrub that grows to a height and width of 3 to 5 feet with long branches that bear yellow-green foliage and small, pink flowers. Beauty-Berry's most distinctive feature is its round clusters of bright, glossy purple fruit at leaf axils that grow during the fall and winter. This plant provides an important food source for wildlife, growing in partial shade and moist, rich soils.

Attributes Shrubs, **Fruit**, **Butterflies**, **Caterpillars**

Add to your plant list

Buy Now

May attract

 Crows & Jays	 Thrushes	 Chickadees & Titmice
 Wood Warblers	 Waxwings	 Mockingbirds & Thrashers

← →

American Pokeweed

Phytolacca americana



Other common names for this tall, branching, herbaceous perennial include Pokeberry, Red Ink Plant, and Pigeonberry. This plant grows 4 to 10 feet tall in partial shade and moist soil, with reddish stems and long clusters of small, white flowers that produce drooping purple/black berries in late summer to fall. Pokeweed is native to the eastern portion of the U.S., and though it provides an important food source for

May attract

 Waxwings	 Chickadees & Titmice	 Cardinals & Grosbeaks
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Two-thirds of North American birds are at increasing risk of extinction. [Read On](#)

Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa



Other common names for this nectar-rich perennial include Orange Milkweed and Pleurisy Root. It typically grows in clumps up to 1 to 3 feet tall, and features clusters of bright orange to yellow-orange flowers. Though toxic to humans if eaten in large amounts, its blooms are attractive to both butterflies and hummingbirds, and like all milkweeds, it serves as a host plant for butterfly species including the Monarch. Drought tolerant, this plant grows in full sun and in dry to moist, well-drained, sandy soils.

Attributes [Annuals/Per.](#), [Nectar](#), [Fruit](#), [Nuts](#), [Butterflies](#), [Caterpillars](#)

Add to your plant list

Buy Now

May attract



Crows & Jays



Wood Warblers



Thrushes



Woodpeckers



Finches



Nuthatches



Clustered Bushmint

Hyptis alata



This herbaceous perennial has a musky mint odor and grows up to 4 feet tall. In the summer and fall it produces small, white flowers spotted with purple. It grows in full sun and partial shade, in moist or wet sandy soils. This plant is cold and heat tolerant and attracts birds as well as bees and butterflies.

May attract

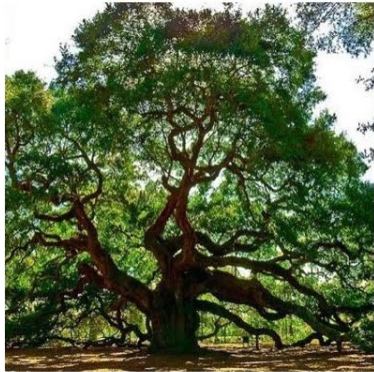


Mockingbirds



Live Oak

Quercus virginiana



Emblematic of the southeastern U.S, the Live Oak, also known as Encino, and Southern or Coastal Live Oak has a massive but short central trunk and long, arching branches. It averages a height of 50 feet and width of 80 feet, though large, older specimens may reach a crown diameter of 150 feet. Live Oak holds its leaves through the winter, losing them only when new growth appears in spring. It grows in full sun to partial shade and dry to moist soils, and is resistant to browsing by deer.

Attributes **Trees**, **Evergreen**, **Fruit**, **Nuts**, **Butterflies**, **Caterpillars**

Add to your plant list

Buy Now

May attract



Thrushes



Orioles



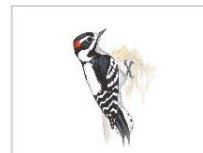
Vireos



Crows & Jays



Sparrows



Woodpeckers



Where to Buy Native Plants Near You

The nurseries listed at the right are likely a good place to start. (The native plants movement is just beginning, so your mileage may vary with these nurseries.) It's a good idea to call ahead to verify native stocks. Another helpful resource may be native plant societies near you; see the link to your state native plant society above, in the "More Local and Regional Resources" section. Read more about steps to consider before visiting the nursery [here](#), and more on buying native plants [here](#).

All Native Garden Center & Plant Nursery

10941 Burnt Store Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33955

(239) 939-9663

[nolawn.com](#)

All Native Garden Center & Plant Nursery

300 Center Road
Fort Myers, FL 33907

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Perkin's Nursery

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Bokeelia, FL 33922

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Myakka City, FL 34251

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Green Seasons Nursery

PO Box 539
Parrish, FL 34219

(941) 776-1605

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Florida Native Plants

730 Myakka Road
Sarasota, FL 34240

(941) 322-1915

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Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation Native Plant Nursery

Bailey Homestead Preserve,
1300 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, FL 33957

(239) 472-1932

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Finders Keepers Plants & Broker

5031 Whippoorwill Road
Sebring, FL 33875

(863) 382-6553

Online Native Plant
Detailers

Growing Wild Nursery

1455 Arthur Teague Road

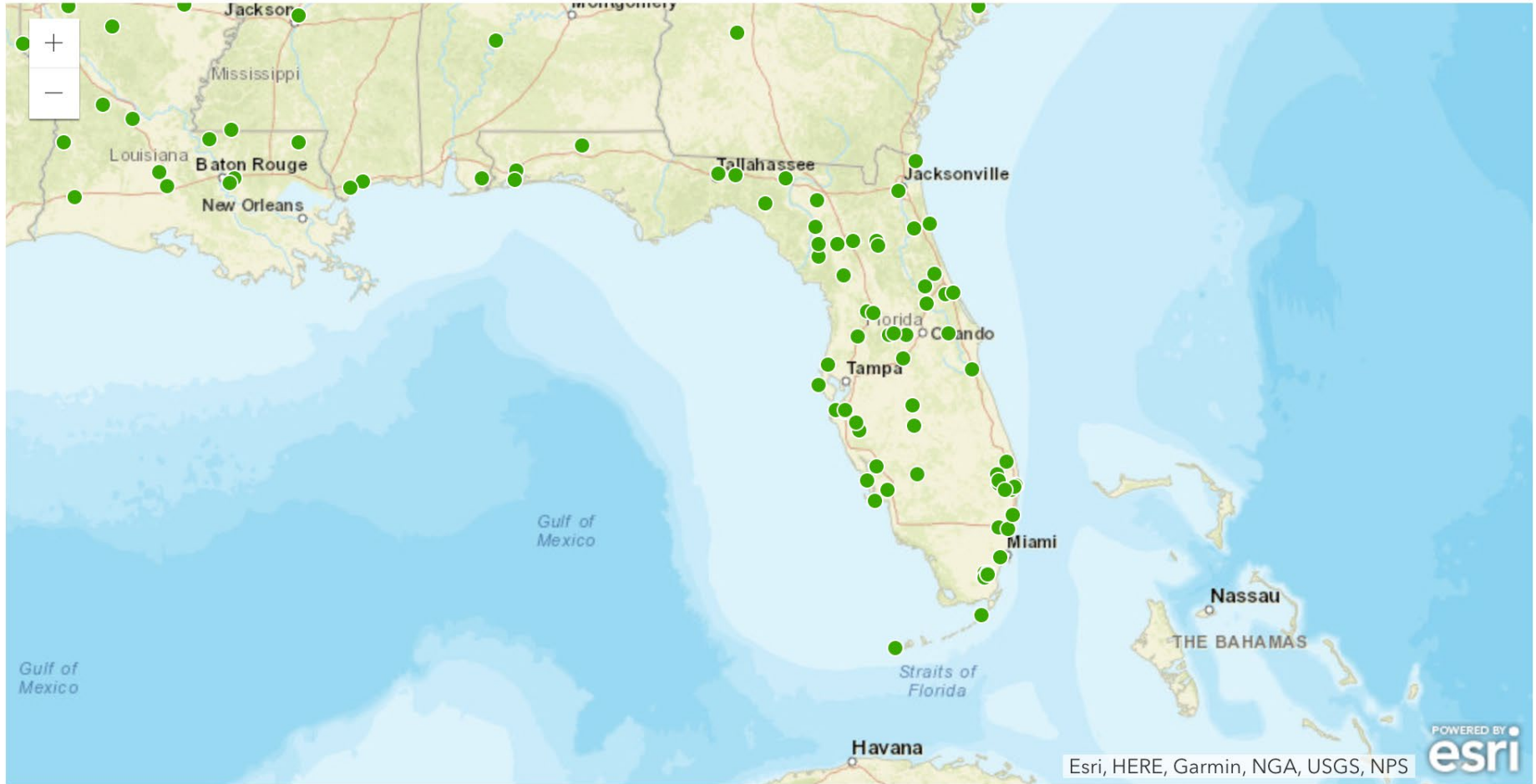
Mail Order Natives

PO Box 9366

Florida Wildflower Cooperative



Native Plant Nurseries Around the Country



More Audubon Native Plant Resources



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