

## Bird-friendly Plants for the Pikes Peak Region

Common Name	Latin Name	Plant Type	Birds use...	Comments
Boxelder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	Tree	Box-elder bugs on female trees	Needs regular irrigation; weak-wooded, short-lived
Fir	<i>Abies</i> sp.	Tree	Winter shelter	Evergreen with dense needles
Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Tree	Thorny cover	All parts of this tree are poisonous
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Shrub	Slue-black fruit	Colorado native; more xeric than others; fall color
Shadblow Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Small tree	Fruit; cover	Needs moist soil; showy white flowers, red-orange fall color
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Large shrub – small tree	Fruit; cover	White flowers; yellow to orange fall color; tolerates alkaline soil
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> x <i>grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	Large shrub – small tree	Fruit; cover	Needs moist soil; white flowers, orange to red fall color. Can grow as multi-stemmed shrub.
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Perennial grass	Seed, cover	Needs moist soil; native
Little Bluestem	<i>Andropogon scoparium</i>	Perennial grass	Seed, cover	Needs moist soil; native
Kinnikinnik	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Groundcover	Red fruit	Evergreen; native; needs some shade
Aster	<i>Aster</i> sp.	Perennial	Seed	Ornamental; late blooming
Calendula, Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Annual	Seed	Cool-season annual, edible but not that tasty
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Tree	Fruit	Attracts many species of bird
Bachelor's Buttons, Cornflower	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Annual	Seed	First to germinate in spring; self-seeds
Spider flower	<i>Cleome spinosa</i>	Annual	Seed	Start indoors, as blooms take a while to form
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i> sp.	Perennial	Seed	May not be hardy, but self-seeds
Red- and Yellow-twиг Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	Shrub	Fruit	Branches give winter interest
Pagoda dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Small tree	Blue-black fruit	Horizontal branches, white flowers, red to purple fall color
Cornelian cherry dogwood	<i>Cornus mas</i>	Small tree	Bright red summer fruit	Early yellow flowers before foliage
Gray dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Large shrub - small tree	White fruit with red stalks	Creamy white flowers, purple fall color
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos</i> sp.	Annual	Seed	Self-seeds with enthusiasm; somewhat xeric
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i> sp.	Groundcover -	Red berries	Often evergreen in Colorado

		shrub		
Russian Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Small tree	Red fruit	White flowers; subject to fireblight
Cockspur hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	Small tree	Red fruit; thorny cover	White flowers; subject to fireblight; possibly best hawthorn for birds
Downy hawthorn	<i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Small tree	Red fruit; thorny cover	White flowers, bronze fall color, needs moist soil
Washington hawthorn	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Small tree	Red-orange fruit; thorny cover	White flowers; red-orange fall color; needs moist soil
Toba hawthorn	<i>Crataegus x mordenensis</i> 'Toba'	Small tree	Red fruit; thorny cover	Fragrant double white – pink flowers
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Perennial	Seeds	Needs regular watering; prairie native
New Mexico Privet	<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	Large shrub/ small tree	Female plants produce blue-black berries.	Forms dense hedge or multi-stemmed small tree; xeric; native
Sunflower (annual)	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Annual	Seed	New hybrids lack pollen & seeds
Prairie Sunflower	<i>Helianthus petiolaris</i>	Annual	Seeds	Prefers sandy soils
Utah juniper	<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	Tree	Berry-like fruit; winter shelter	Xeric; native; small mammals also eat berries
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Shrub	Berry-like fruit; winter shelter	Xeric; native; small mammals also eat berries; attracts Cedar Waxwings, Northern Mockingbird, Evening Grosbeak, etc.
Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i> sp.	Ground cover – shrub – tree	Blue berry-like fruit; winter shelter	Avoid need for pruning; xeric; not all cultivars bear fruit
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera</i>	Shrub – vine	Fruit	Vigorous grower
Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrate</i>	Shall shrub	Black fruit	Native; need adequate moisture
Red Berry Mahonia	<i>Mahonia haematocarpa</i>	Large shrub	Red fruit; spiny leaves offer safety	Fragrant yellow flowers; extremely xeric
Creeping Oregon Grape-Holly	<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Groundcover	Blue fruit	Native; needs sheltered site; leaves turn purple in winter
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i> hyb.	Tree	Fruit	Spring flowers; fall color; look for varieties resistant to fireblight
Four O'Clocks	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Annual	Seed	Easy to grow
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Vine	Berries	Susceptible to Japanese Beetles (now in Colorado, but not yet in Pikes Peak area)
Spruce	<i>Picea</i> sp.	Tree	Winter shelter	Needs northern exposure, ample water; native
Piñon Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	Tree	Piñon nuts	Avoid regular watering
Quaking aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Tree	Catkins, bud, seeds & sap	Moist, well-drained soils; higher elevations; short-lived;

			eaten; cavity nesters prefer soft wood. Hosts insects.	suckers extensively; all parts eaten by wildlife; attracts butterflies, larva
Wild plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	Small tree	Fruit; cover	Forms thicket; white flowers; xeric; fall color; fruit edible by humans
Western Sand Cherry	<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Shrub	Fruit	White spring bloom; xeric; red fall foliage; subject to fireblight; variety 'Pawnee Buttes' was Plant Select® selection
Amur Chokecherry	<i>Prunus maackii</i>	Small tree	Black fruit	Shiny orange-red bark; white flowers; avoid clay
Mayday tree	<i>Prunus padus</i>	Tree	Purple-black fruit	Chains of white flowers
Pin Cherry	<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Shrub	Red fruit	Forms thicket; white flowers; red fall color; tolerates shade; fruit edible by humans
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Shrub – tree	Fruit	Excellent bird plant; suckers; white flowers
Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Tree	Winter shelter	Native; xeric; get very large
Wafer ash, Hoptree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Small, multi-stemmed tree	Fruit, nectar	Attracts butterflies; deer resistant; native; yellow fall color
Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Shrub	Berries; thorny cover	Broad-leafed evergreen, does best in sheltered spot
Oak	<i>Quercus</i> sp.	Tree	Acorns; insects on tree	Natives and non-natives from which to choose
Gambel oak, scrub oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Shrub – tree	Acorns; shelter	Forms thicket; late to leaf out; fall color; native; xeric
Smith's Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus smithii</i>	Shrub	Black fruit in summer	2002 Plant Select® recommendation; grows up to 7,000 ft.; native; xeric
Smooth sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Shrub	Fuzzy red fruit	Good fall color; yellow flowers; native; xeric
Three-leaf Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Shrub	Red berries	Native; xeric; adaptable
Wax Currant	<i>Ribes cereum</i>	Shrub	Fruit	Native; xeric; tolerates shade
Gooseberry	<i>Ribes</i> sp.	Shrub	Fruit; thorny cover	Native; xeric; tolerates shade
Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Shrub	Yellow to black fruit	Yellow flowers; xeric; native; red fall color
Whitestem currant	<i>Ribes inerme</i>	Shrub	Red fruit	Native
Bristly currant, swamp currant	<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Shrub	Purple fruit	Thorny; native; wildlife browses on foliage; needs wet soil
Clove-Scented Currant	<i>Ribes odoratum</i>	Shrub	Yellow flowers attract hummingbirds; edible fruit	Fall color; xeric
Rugosa Rose	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Shrub	Rose hips, thorny cover	Most bloom once; large, dense, thorny plant overwhelms small spaces; hardier than rose hybrids; xeric
Wood rose, native rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Shrub	Rose hips; thorny cover	Native; xeric; wildlife eats foliage

Boulder raspberry	<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Shrub	Fruit	Tolerates shade; native; xeric; showy white flowers
Western thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Shrub	Fruit	Prefers shady, moist location; white flowers; native
Willows	<i>Salix exigua</i> or <i>S. monticola</i>	Shrub	Shelter	Riparian native needs wet soil; attractive yellow twigs
Red-berried Elder	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Shrub	Red berries	White flowers; yellow fall color; needs moisture; native
Silver Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Large shrub	Female plants have red berries	Plains native; xeric; gray foliage
Russet Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia Canadensis</i>	Shrub	Red to orange bitter fruit on female plants	Native; xeric; tolerates shade; blue-green foliage
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>	Perennial	Seed	Also attracts butterflies
European Mountain Ash	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Tree	Red berries	Robins & waxwings like fruit
Native mountain ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	Large shrub – small tree	Orange fruit	Red fall color; native; white flowers
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Shrub	Large white berries	Somewhat xeric; attracts small mammals
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Shrub	Fruit	
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i>	Shrub – small tree	Berries	Needs moist, fertile soil; eastern native
Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Large shrub	Berries last into winter	Native; white flowers attract butterflies; fall color; likes moist soil
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	Annual	Seed	Attracts butterflies; extremely frost tender