For the Birds: Fostering Backyard Habitat to Attract Birds

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Resource List

- Native Plants for Birds
 - Native Plants for Birds MI Audubon
 - Native Plants for Birds Wild Ones Red Cedar Chapter Lansing, Michigan
 - All About Birds Best Plants & Trees for Birds
 - Native Michigan Hummingbird Plants
 - Doug Tallamy's Homegrown National Park
 - Ottawa Conservation District: Native Plant Sale; Tree Seedling Sale ORDER NOW!
 - Kent Conservation District: Native Plant Sale & Info ORDER NOW!

Bird Feeders

- Cornell Lab of Ornithology: Project Feeder Watch
- AllAboutBirds: How to Choose the Right Kind of Bird Feeder
- o The Spruce: 7 Best Bird Feeders
- All About Birds: How to Clean Your Bird Feeder
- O VIDEO: Leslie the Bird Nerd Why EVERYONE should keep their Bird Feeders CLEAN
- American Bird Conservancy: Preventing Window Strikes

Cleaning Bird Baths

- Audubon: Why You Should Keep Your Birdbath Clean
- o The Spruce: How to Clean a Dirty Bird Bath

Bird Nest Boxes

- o Cornell Lab of Ornithology: Project NestWatch
- Ottawa County Parks: https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/
 - <u>Bird Resources Page</u> (Birds of Ottawa County Book & Video)
 - o Backyard Birding Videos by Curtis Dykstra
 - o Bringing Nature to You (Ottawa County Parks Online Programs & Resources)
 - Coffee with the Birds & Event Discussion Resources
 - Birding Update Email List (sign up) or view a <u>Sample Newsletter</u>



