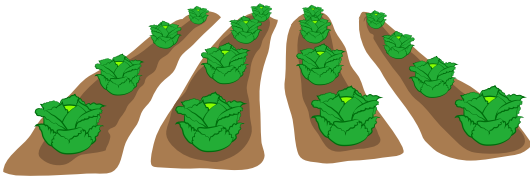


JUNE 2023

GARDENING TO DO'S

You can find me in the garden!



Gardening for the Birds

Your garden can be a haven for Michigan's beautiful birds! With nesting spaces, food, and water sources, you can welcome these little guests and receive natural pest control for your garden!



WATER

Birds need good, clean water sources for drinking and bathing. Birdbaths, bubbling fountains, shallow containers—even a shallow hole in the ground (lined with heavy duty plastic) can be a respite for winged visitors. Please be sure to clean and replenish your water containers at least once a week.



HOME

An open invitation for flighty friends to your yard include trees, vines, shrubs, or flowers to provide perches, protection, nesting areas, and nesting material. You may even want to leave an unkempt corner of leaves, sticks, and overgrown plants for nesting material.

FOOD

These trees and plants can offer birds a variety of seasonal nibbles:
Grasses and forbs (soft-stemmed perennial plants) for seeds
Flowers for nectar: Columbine, Black-eyed Susan, Sunflowers, and Bee Balm
Trees: Summer Fruit: Cherry, serviceberry and mulberry
Autumn Fruit: Dogwood
Winter Fruit: Crabapple and winterberry
Winter Nuts: Oaks, hickories & conifers



DIY: Grow a Home for the Birds

Birdhouse gourd seeds are available in our Seed Library.
Note: This is a vining plant that needs lots of room to grow.
Gourds should be allowed to dry for 3 months prior to drilling holes and decorating.



Meet us at the Market!

The library will have a table at the Marquee this summer. We will have calendars, summer reading sign-up, card registration, and our traveling seed library! Come say hi on the following dates:

- July 16
- August 6
- August 13
- September 24
- October 15



For more information on our Seed Library,
please visit rtdl.org/seed-library