



# Songbird Bundle

The Songbird Bundle contains 18 trees and shrubs selected for their attractiveness to songbirds. It contains: 3 eastern redcedar, 3 redbud, 3 Peking cotoneaster, 4 golden currant, and 5 fragrant sumac. The Songbird Bundle is a cooperative effort between the Department of Wildlife and Parks and Kansas Forest Service. The cost of the bundle is partially financed by the Department of Wildlife and Parks from contributions to the **Chickadee Checkoff** on your state income tax form.

As man's use of the lands around us increases in intensity, wildlife habitat continues to dwindle and islands of permanent woody vegetation in both urban and rural areas become increasingly important to songbirds. The Songbird Bundle can serve as nucleus of cover and food around which you can develop additional wildlife plantings.

When developing habitat for songbirds, plant form is very important. A greater diversity of wildlife will be attracted to a diverse habitat structure. If space permits, plantings should include tall trees (30-plus feet), medium trees (15-plus feet), small shrubs, vines, plus open areas of native grasses and flowering plants. The Songbird Bundle does not contain sufficient plants to meet all of the needs of songbirds. Once grown, however, the bundle will create a small island of plants which will provide some year-round cover and supplemental food during late summer, fall and winter, thus attracting birds for your enjoyment.

It should be emphasized that the plants in this bundle were selected for wildlife considerations — not landscape considerations. You can further enhance

an area for songbirds by careful selection of other plants that are beneficial to wildlife. A tall specimen deciduous tree or two may be desirable, or perhaps a vine-covered fence or arbor. Because insects are an important part of the diet of many birds, annual and perennial flowering plants should be included in your wildlife plantings. Concentrate on blossoms that are attractive to butterflies and other insects as well as hummingbirds. Flowers that produce seeds for birds to eat can also be included. The following list will help you select plants with a value to wildlife when you visit your local nursery.

## Additional Plants Attractive to Nongame Wildlife

*These plants are additional varieties that may attract songbirds, but are not included in the songbird bundle.*

### Upper Level Trees (more than 25 ft.)

Hackberry	Mulberry	Bur Oak
Pin Oak	Pecan	Pines
Eastern redcedar		

### Mid-Level Trees and Large Shrubs (10 to 25 ft.)

Pear	Cherry	Hawthorn
Crabapple	Firethorn	Buckthorn
Highbush viburnum		

### Lower Level Shrubs (2 to 10 ft.)

Coralberry	Dogwood	Cotoneaster
Fragrant sumac		

### Vines

American bittersweet	Grape
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### Grasses and Flowers

Perennial daisies	Butterfly milkweed	Big bluestem
Impatiens	Indiangrass	Cosmos
Marigolds	Sunflowers	Gayfeather
Salvia	Asters	Columbine
Little bluestem		

To assist in selecting additional plants of value to songbirds as well as other means of attracting them to your area, technical help from professional wildlife biologists is available through the Department of Wildlife and Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124, (620) 672-5911.

The soil should be spaded prior to planting. Plant the trees and shrubs at the same depth as they grew in the nursery with the roots spread in their natural habit. Firm the soil around the roots, making sure the roots are in contact with the soil. Water thoroughly after planting. The area should be kept cultivated or mulched to promote plant growth.

Use your imagination to fit these plants to your area. The following drawings show some alternatives for using these plants to provide an attractive habitat. The suggested designs are to enhance the effectiveness of the Songbird Bundle in providing cover and food for wildlife.



## Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification Program

If you do "Something Wild" in your backyard, the Department of Wildlife and Parks would like to give you credit for it through the Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification Program. This program gives recognition to citizens who improve living conditions for wildlife on their property.

To receive a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certificate and a colorful sign with the inscription "I DID SOMETHING WILD IN MY

BACKYARD," send the following information to Department of Wildlife and Parks, Urban Nongame Biologist, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124.

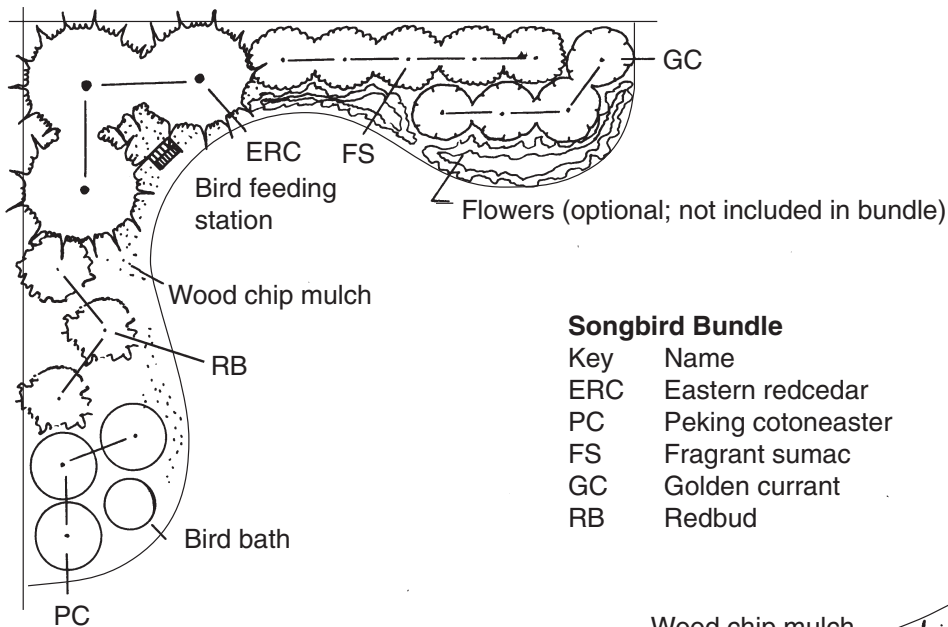
1. Name
2. Mailing address
3. Telephone number
4. Address of property to be certified
5. Property size
6. A description of the ways food, water, and cover are provided for wildlife. Include a list of beneficial plant species, the number and type of feeders, the type of foods, the type and number of artificial houses,

natural cover provided, and plans for future improvements.

7. Photographs (slides preferred) and/or drawings of your backyard wildlife habitat improvements. Your slides and drawings will not be returned, so be sure you have duplicates for your own use.

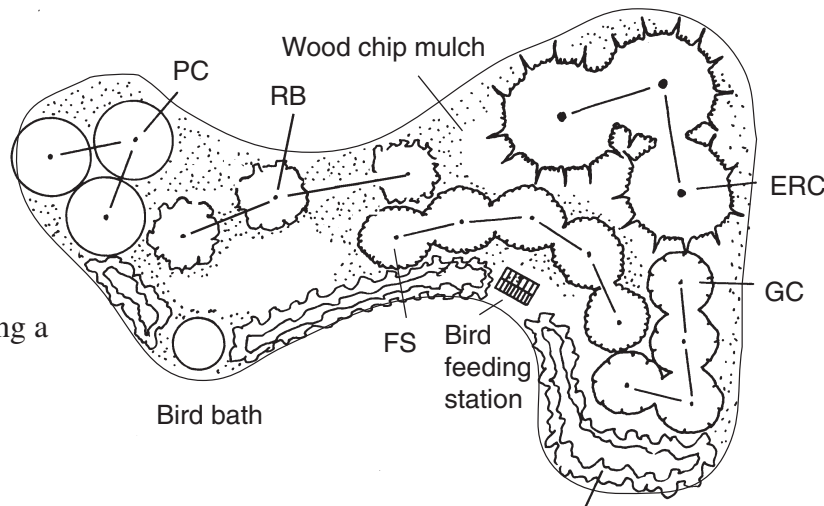
The Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification Program is not restricted to homeowners. Wildlife requirements can be provided at many types of residences, including high-rise apartment balconies and places of business.

This program is funded through donations to the Chickadee Checkoff.



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Key	Name	Quantity	Spacing
ERC	Eastern redcedar	3	8 - 10 ft.
PC	Peking cotoneaster	3	4 - 6 ft.
FS	Fragrant sumac	5	3 - 4 ft.
GC	Golden currant	4	4 - 6 ft.
RB	Redbud	3	10 ft.



For information on purchasing a Songbird Bundle, contact:

Kansas Forest Service  
2610 Claflin Rd.  
Manhattan, KS 66502

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