

are found in groups. If you have a natural or artificial pond big enough to sustain these fascinating animals, painted turtles can be entertaining and beneficial visitors to the garden. Some helpful turtle tips are:

- Although not aquatic, box turtles need a water source, and they will often be found at the edges of streams and ponds.
- Box turtles will eat a wide variety of plants, fruits, and insects, and they prefer slugs.
- Painted turtles have a varied diet and are nature's cleaners. They eat fish, insects, snails, plants, algae, and dead animal matter.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

It is hard to imagine a garden without the sweet chatter of birds. A garden is not complete without the song and dance of birds as they glide across the landscape in search of food and shelter. Our feathered friends are not only



*The northern cardinal will forage for fruit and seed all year.*

## Garden-Friendly Bird Species

Name	Habitat	Beneficial Food Plants
AMERICAN ROBIN	LOWER HALF OF TREES, BUILDINGS, LIGHT FIXTURES	DOGWOOD, HOLLY, JUNIPER, SUMAC
BALTIMORE ORIOLE	SHADE TREES	BLACKBERRY, CHERRY, SERVICEBERRY
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	NEST IN TREE CAVITIES, NEST BOXES	ELDERBERRY, HOLLY, DOGWOOD, JUNIPER
CHICKADEES	NEST BOXES, NATURAL CAVITIES	SEEDS AND BERRIES
DOWNY WOODPECKER	NEST IN CAVITIES OF TREES	DOGWOOD, SERVICEBERRY, ACORNS, GRAINS
HOUSE WREN	NESTING BOXES, LOW SHRUBS, BUILDING CREVICES	DOES NOT EAT PLANTS; EATS MOSTLY INSECTS
HUMMINGBIRDS	NESTS IN SMALL TREES OR SHRUBS	NECTAR FROM PLANTS SUCH AS BUTTERFLY BUSH, HONEYSUCKLE, LANTANA, TRUMPET VINE, COLUMBINE
NORTHERN CARDINAL	NEST IN SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS	DOGWOOD, HOLLY, MULBERRY, SUMAC, GRASSES
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS	HOLLY, BLACKBERRY, DOGWOOD, SUMAC
PHOEBES	NESTING PLATFORM, EAVES OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES	HACKBERRY, SERVICEBERRY, SUMAC
PURPLE MARTIN	TREE CAVITIES, NESTING BOXES, HOLLOW GOURDS	DOES NOT EAT PLANTS; EATS MOSTLY INSECTS
TITMICE	NATURAL CAVITIES, FENCES POSTS, PIPES, NESTING BOXES	VARIOUS SEEDS AND BERRIES, ACORNS, BEECHNUTS
YELLOW WARBLER	NEST IN SMALL TREES	VARIOUS BERRIES