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One of the most beautiful results of a healthy landscape is planting trees and other plants that attract birds. The more advantages your landscape offers to birds, the more likely they will make your yard a permanent home. Birds will make their home in areas that offer them food, water, and shelter, so incorporate plants and other necessities that will encourage birds to set up housekeeping in your yard. Make sure to include plants that are food sources throughout the year.

Different species have different needs. Some birds like to eat the fruit or berries from a plant while others are nectar feeders, feeding on the nectar from flowers, while others prefer the seeds from ornamental grasses.

Some considerations:

- Be careful when planting near a driveway, sidewalk, or patio as some plants can create a mess from fallen fruit.
- Planting native species offers the best chance of attracting native birds.

For more information:

A Bird's-Eye View: How Birds Select Habitat, by Mark E. Hostetler: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw174>

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission bird profiles:
<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/birds/songbirds/>



FIGURE 1. FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY
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See reverse for bird-friendly plant options for Pinellas County:

A selection of bird-friendly plant options for Pinellas County:

Common Name	Scientific Name	Zone
Large Trees		
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	8 - 10
Floss Silk Tree	<i>Chorisia speciosa</i>	9b - 11
Medium Trees		
Japanese Blueberry	<i>Elaeocarpus decipiens</i>	8b - 10b
Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	8-10b
Small Trees		
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	8 - 11
Florida Privet	<i>Forestiera segregata</i>	8b- 11
Large Shrubs		
Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	8 - 10
Coral Bean or Cherokee Bean	<i>Erythina herbacea</i>	8 - 11
Small Shrubs		
Scrub Palmetto	<i>Sabal etonia</i>	9 - 11
Firecracker Plant	<i>Russelia sarmentosa</i>	8b - 11
Vines		
Passion Vine or Maypop	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	8b - 11
Confederate Jasmine or Star Jasmine	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	8 - 11
Grasses		
Panic Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	8 - 10
Palms and Palm-Like		
Lady Palm	<i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	9 - 11
Blue Stem Palmetto or Dwarf Palmetto	<i>Sabal Minor</i>	8 - 10
Perennials		
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	8 - 10
Beach Sunflower	<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	8b - 11
Annuals		
Petunia	<i>Petunia x hybrida</i>	8 - 11
Shrimp Plant	<i>Justicia brandegeana</i>	8b - 11

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