



EcoNugget

Grow Keystone Species in Your Yard for Birds' Sake!

Keystone species have a large effect on the diversity and stability of their ecosystems.

- **Create nurseries** for larvae of moths, butterflies and other insects (e.g. milkweed for monarch butterfly). Native Oaks host 400+ species, non-native Ginkgo 5 & Boxwood 2.
- **Feed baby birds:** Insect larvae provide soft food for baby birds. One brood of chickadees need about 6000 caterpillars.
- **Provide nectar/pollen** for adult insects to feed such as the native sunflower Helianthus family to complete their lifecycle. No bugs means fewer birds.
- **Provide** small changes to make your yard a better habitat.



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Resources ~ Focus on Native Trees and Shrubs

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