Top Idaho Native Plants for Birds

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Black Hawthorne (Crataegus douglasii)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub/tree that grows 8-20 feet tall by 15 feet wide. Spreads by vegetative suckering.

Water and Light Requirements: Moderate water and full to partial sun.
Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub/tree that grows 10-20 feet tall by 8-10 feet wide. Spreads by vegetative suckering.

Water and Light Requirements: Low to moderate water and full to partial sun.

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Rocky Mountain Ash (Sorbus scopulina)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub/tree that grows to 13 feet tall by 13 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Plentiful water and partial sun. This species grows best in a sheltered location in the Treasure Valley, as it is more adapted to higher elevations.

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Netleaf Hackberry (Celtis reticulata)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub/tree that grows to 10 to 30 feet tall by 5-10 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Very low to low water and full sun.

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Blue Elderberry (Sambucus cerulea)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub that grows to 8-12 feet tall by 4-6 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Plentiful water and full to partial sun.
Golden Currant (Ribes aureum)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub that grows to 3-6 feet tall by 3-5 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Low to plentiful water and full to partial sun.
Oakleaf Sumac (Rhus trilobata)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub that grows to 3-6 feet tall by 6-10 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Low to very low water and full to partial sun.

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Serviceberry (Amelanchier alnifolia)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub/tree that grows to 5-20 feet tall by 6-15 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Low to moderate water and full to partial sun.
Snowberry (Symphoricarpos albus)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub that grows to 4-6 feet tall by 4-6 feet wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Low water and partial sun to shade.

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Woods’ Rose (Rosa woodsii)

Form and Size: Deciduous shrub that grows to 3-4 feet tall.

Water and Light Requirements: Very low to low water and full sun to shade.
Common Sunflower (Helianthus annuus)

Form and Size: Annual flower that grows to 3-6 feet tall.

Water and Light Requirements: Low to plentiful water and full sun.
Crimson or Western Columbine (Aquilegia formosa)

Form and Size: Flower that grows to 2-3 feet tall by 18 inches wide.

Water and Light Requirements: Moderate to plentiful water and partial sun.

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Scarlet Gilia (Ipomopsis aggregata)

Form and Size: Flower that grows to 12-24 inches tall.

Water and Light Requirements: Low water and full to partial sun.

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