Bird Garden

Surrounding the Birding Kiosk is a small demonstration garden of native plants that provide food and shelter for birds.

PLANT LIST

TREES

Picea glauca White Spruce
Amelanchier lamarckii Serviceberry
Alnus rugosa Alder

Tsuga canadensis Canadian Hemlock Sorbus americana Mountain Ash Corylus americana American Filbert

Sassafras albidum Sassafras Betula nigra River Birch

Crateagus phaenopyrum Washington Hawthorn

Prunus serotina Black Cherry

SHRUBS

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus Coralberry Aronia arbutifolia Red chokeberry Spiraea alba Meadowsweet Lindera benzoin Spicebush Rhus typhina Staghorn Sumac Sambucus canadensis Elderberry Cornus amomum Silky Dogwood Aronia melanocarpa Black Chokeberry llex verticillata Winterberry Holly Rosa palustris Swamp Rose

VINES

Myrica pennsylvanica

Campsis radicans Trumpet Vine
Celastrus scandens American Bittersweet

Northern Bayberry

GRASSES

Sporobolis heterolepis Prairie Dropseed
Andropogon gerardii Big Bluestem
Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah Switchgrass

Panicum virgatum Snenanaoan Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal' Switchgrass

PERENNIALS

Heliopsis helianthoides
Silphium integrifolium
Sporobolis heterolepis
Rudbeckia laciniata
Echinacea angustifolia

Oxeye Sunflower
Cup Plant
Prairie Dropseed
Cutleaf Coneflower
Narrowleaf Coneflower

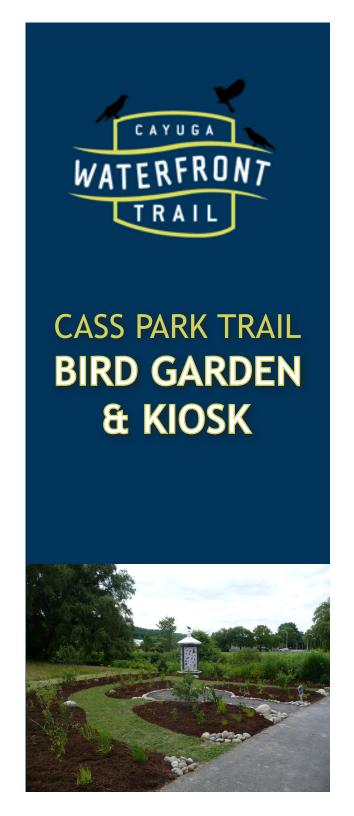
Asclepias incarnata Swamp Milkweed Blazina Star Liatris spicata Eupatorium purpureum Joe Pye Sunflower Helianthus sp. Goldenrod Solidago rigida Agastache foeniculum Anise Hyssop Narrowleaf Coneflower Echinacea angustifolia Monarda fistulosa Wild Bergamot Rudbeckia hirta Blackeyed Susan Goldsturm Blackeyed Susan Rudbeckia fulgida Miscanthus Gracillimus Maiden Grass Chasmanthium latifolium Northern Sea Oats Salix discolor Pussy Willow Echinacea purpurea Purple Coneflower Rudbeckia maxima Giant Coneflower Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower

In your travels around Cass Park, notice that long grass meadows are being allowed to grow around the bird garden and elsewhere along the trail. Letting these attractive long grasses grow will not only enhance the habitat for birds and butterflies, but also reduce mowing expenses and greenhouse gas emissions.

Check out these resources more information on birding and bird gardening:

- Native Plants for Native Birds: A Guide to Planting for Birds In and Around Ithaca New York by Joel Baines
- •The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds: Creating Natural Habitats for Properties Large and Small by Sephen W. Kress
- •Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens by Douglas W. Tallamy
- *Cornell Lab of Ornithology website http:// www.birds.cornell.edu/ and their Spring Field Ornithology course http://www.birds.cornell.edu/ sfo

The Birding Garden and Kiosk are a project of the Cayuga Waterfront Trail Initiative, a partnership of the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Ithaca. To learn more visit www.cayugawaterfronttrail.com, email info@cayugawaterfronttrail.com, or call the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce at 607-273-7080.



Birding Kiosk Panels



This birding kiosk illustrates the birds that trail users can see from the Cass Park Trail. The research team included the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Steve Kress, and Dave Nutter.



A 4th panel tells the story of bird migration for selected species breed in or pass through the park. Visit www.cayugawaterfronttrail.com to see this panel and the panels shown here.



The bird illustrations were drawn by Evan Barbour, the panels were designed by Iron Design and the kiosk fabricated locally by Accufab. This project was funded by the Triad Foundation.