



"FYRNE AND NORMAN CARRON GARDEN"

Franciscan Garden Plot I

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Design Intent:

This garden is has been designed with plants that support a wide variety of birds—attracting two species in particular.

The area to the north of the pathway is focused on hummingbirds, known for their love of nectar. Early spring flowers of the Green Hawthorn tree provide nectar as the first birds return each year. Early-blooming catkins of the Willow shrub are strong insect habitats, providing food for hummingbirds to feed their young. The Trumpet Honeysuckle vine, a non-invasive Honeysuckle, provides abundant nectar throughout summer and early fall. Other flowers, especially the meadow blazing star, are excellent sources of natural nectar.

The area to the south of the pathway is intended to attract and support eastern bluebirds. In contrast to the nectar-loving hummingbirds, the primary diet for bluebirds is insects. The Little Bluestem and Prairie Dropseed grasses harbor a wide variety of insects. Visitors will enjoy watching the birds forage in these grasses. The American Hazelnut shrub is the earliest bloomer in the garden, and its nuts in summer and fall attract all sorts of wildlife.

And to provide energy for the long migration south in the fall, the Hawthorn tree, the Honeysuckle vine, and the American Bittersweet vine all provide abundant fruits and berries for many varieties of birds, including those who stick around for our cold Wisconsin winters!

- 1 Winter King Hawthorn Crataegus viridis
- 2 American Filbert aka American Hazelnut Corylus americana
- 3 Autumn Revolution™ American Bittersweet Celastrus scandens 'Bailumn' PP 19,811
- 4 Canadian Columbine Aquilegia canadensis
- 5 Hairy Wild Petunia Ruellia humilis
- 6 Little Bluestem Grass Schizachyrium scoparium
- 7 Prairie Dropseed Grass Sporobolus heterolepis
- 8 Prairie Willow Shrub Salix humilis (male)
- 9 Major Wheeler Trumpet Honeysuckle Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler'
- 10 Wild Geranium Geranium maculatum
- 11 Wild Bergamot Monarda fistulosa
- 12 Fire Pink Silene virginica
- 13 Meadow Blazing Star Liatris ligulistylis
- 14 Dark Towers Penstemon Penstemon 'Dark Towers' PP 20,013
- 15 Pale Purple Coneflower Echinacea pallida
- 16 Purple Prairie Clover Dalea purpurea
- 17 Royal Catchfly Silene regia
- 18 Whorled Milkweed Asclepias verticillata

