to attract bluebirds to your property. These insect eaters require saplings, dead

Setophaga ruticilla

12–14 cm

on your property, preferably combined with lots of shrubs. Insects

barberry are a great attraction. This bird likes to nest in deciduous

fers, such as fir, spruce or pine.

more urban areas that include coniferous trees, shrubs and plentiful food

avoid the use of pesticides. For nesting, it prefers the dense foliage of coni -

ners. The gray catbird will love any dead or dying trees, standing dead

beetles, including Japanese and June beetles.

provide another great source of insect food. Be sure to avoid the use of pesticides

with weeds and grasses, which are a great source of small seeds. Ensure the weeds

better ensure you provide food that attracts local birds. Don’t forget to include

Planting is the best way to ensure you meet the needs of a greater variety of birds

port insects and therefore provide foraging areas. Snags, or standing dead trees,

ing distance, it is important to meet more than just the needs of a few species.

While adding a bird feeder to your garden may attract some birds into view-

benefit this species. This bird likes to build its nest in the shelter of shrubs, such as

or shrubs such as juniper, or shrubs like gypsy moths and fall webworms. The red-eyed vireo will also take advantage of any

fruiting trees or shrubs you have planted, especially in late summer and fall when it must

build up fat reserves for migration. Choose species such as blackberry, dogwood, Virginia
creeper and elderberry. The red-eyed vireo nests in trees or shrubs, such as maple, oak,

beech or hackberry, where its nest can be concealed from above by foliage.

In addition, dead or dying trees are very important to ca

Dendroica petechia

12–13 cm

among the foliage of trees

diet that includes caterpil-

Dendroica petechia

12–13 cm

foraging areas for the Baltimore oriole’s favourite insect prey — caterpillars.

Add to your garden’s appeal by planting fruiting trees, such as serviceberries,

cherries, blackberries and elderberries that supplement its d i

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