

Birds rear their young on moth caterpillars, so to help the birds, you need plants that make caterpillars. Here are the best native plant genera for supporting moths in Delaware.

Woody plants		Herbaceous plants	
Genus	# moth species	Genus	# moth species
<i>Quercus</i> Oaks	511	<i>Solidago</i> Goldenrods	129
<i>Prunus</i> Cherries	419	Asters	106
<i>Salix</i> Willows	383	<i>Fragaria</i> Strawberries	71
<i>Betula</i> Birches	361	<i>Helianthus</i> Sunflowers	72
<i>Populus</i> Poplars	329	<i>Lactuca</i> Wild lettuce	53
<i>Acer</i> Maples	287	<i>Solanum</i> Nightshade	59
<i>Vaccinium</i> Blueberries	281	<i>Polygonum</i> Smartweed	50
<i>Alnus</i> Alder	226	<i>Rumex</i> Dock	49
<i>Carya</i> Hickory	241	<i>Plantago</i> Plantain	63
<i>Ulmus</i> Elm	197	<i>Eupatorium</i> Joe Pye	49
<i>Pinus</i> Pines	171	<i>Amaranthus</i> Pigweed	37
<i>Tilia</i> Basswood	159	<i>Poa</i> Native grasses	38
<i>Crataegus</i> Hawthorn	155	<i>Urtica</i> Nettles	34
<i>Fraxinus</i> Ash	139	Carex Sedges	33
<i>Juglans</i> Walnut	137	<i>Viola</i> Violets	30

Birds also need plants that make nutritious berries. Here are the best native plants for this area.

<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> Alternate-leaved Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i> Florida dogwood
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> Grey Dogwood	<i>Ilex glabra</i> Inkberry
<i>Ilex opaca</i> American Holly	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Winterberry holly
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> Virginia Creeper	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> Elderberry
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> Poison ivy	<i>Vaccinium species</i> Blueberries
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> Arrowwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum nudum</i> Possumhaw Viburnum
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> Blackhaw Viburnum	