

# To feed the birds first feed the bugs! How? With **NATIVE** plants!



More than 6,000 caterpillars are needed to fledge a single clutch of chickadees!  
Larger birds require even more.

## A new study found:

Songbird populations decline when gardens are planted with non-native trees and shrubs.

For example, in areas with less than 70% native plants, chickadees won't produce enough young to sustain their populations.

At 70% or more native plants, birds can thrive!

~ Smithsonian Institution

## Did you know?

96% of birds feed their young insects

More than 90% of those insect larvae **REQUIRE NATIVE** plant leaves to eat