

Plants and Branches for Your Bird

Very few studies have been conducted to determine which houseplants are toxic to birds; so all plants that contain toxic chemicals have been excluded from the Safe Plant list.

The plants with safe foliage for decoration in bird areas are:

Acacia	Dracaena varieties	Palms: Areca, Date, Fan, Lady,
African Violet	Ferns: Asparagus, Bird's Nest,	Howeia, Kentia, Phoenix, Sago
Aloe	Boston (& related), Maidenhair	Pepperomia
Baby Tears	Figs: Creeping, Rubber, Fiddle	Petunia
Bamboo	Leaf, Laurel Leaf, Weeping	Pittosporum
Begonia	Gardenia	Pothos
Bougainvillea	Grape Ivy	Prayer Plant
Chickweed	Hens & Chickens	Purple Passion (Velvet Nettle)
Cissus (Kangaroo Vine)	Kalanchoe	Sensitive Plant
Coffee	Magnolia	Spider Plant
Coleus	Marigolds	Swedish Ivy
Corn Plant	Monkey plant	Thistle
Crabapple	Mother-in-laws Tongue	Wandering Jew
Dandelion	Nasturtium	White Clover
Donkey Tail	Norfolk Island Pine	

Tree branches make the best perches. Trees of the following species can supply safe branches, foliage, and bark to be used as perches or chew toys for birds. These materials are not safe if toxic chemicals or insecticides have been sprayed on them. Before installing them in any cage, scrub all branches with a nontoxic disinfectant (such as diluted chlorine bleach or Nolvasan – (1:10), then rinse and dry well.

Apple	Guava
Ash	Papaya
Almond	Pear
Apricot	Madrona
Peach	Magnolia
Plum	Nut (except horse Chestnut and Oak)
Prune	Vine Maple
Nectarine	Goat Willow
Citrus – any	Pussy Willow
Dogwood	Weeping Willow
Elm	ThurLOW