

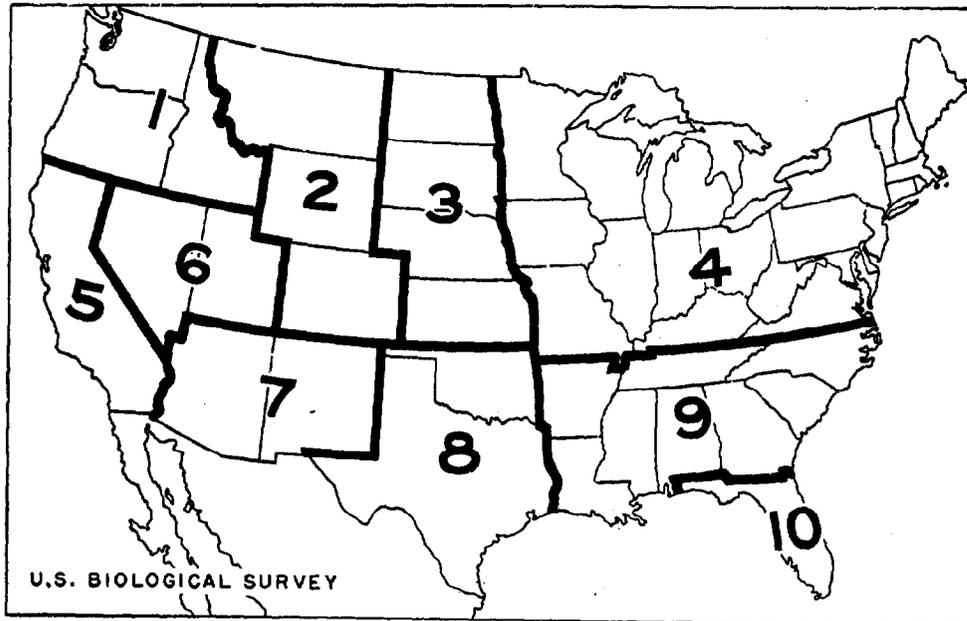
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Leaflets on fruits attractive to birds may be obtained by using the above map as a guide and writing the U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. If you live in region 1, write for leaflet BS-41; in region 2, BS-42, and so on. The leaflet for region 10 is BS-50.

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BIRDS SING CLOSER TO HOUSE
WHEN WILD FRUITS ARE HANDY

Food, water, and shelter are the important factors in increasing bird numbers where they are wanted for enjoyment or help in fighting insects. Wild fruits attract cardinals, mockingbirds, orioles, flickers, and many other desirable birds. Such long-lasting wild fruits as thorn apples, junipers, snowberries, and bayberries are eaten by birds in the late winter and early spring when other food is scarce.

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Wild fruit in a locality helps keep birds away from domestic fruits, especially when the wild trees or shrubs are of the same kinds as the cultivated ones and ripen earlier. Mulberry, wild blackberries and strawberries, June berry, wild cherry, and elderberry are useful for this purpose.

Ten mimeographed leaflets issued by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey list the fruits attractive to birds and the growing seasons of these fruits. Copies may be obtained free by writing Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Because species of birds and plants in one region are often different than those in another region each of the ten leaflets covers a particular area. The foregoing map of the United States is divided into 10 regions for convenience in ordering the right leaflet.

The author, W. L. McAtee, principal biologist of Biological Survey, has included in each leaflet a table showing 38 kinds of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the United States, and the desirable birds most fond of those fruits. Following this are tables of the generally distributed fruits of the region covered by the leaflet. Barberries, currants, and buckthorns are not mentioned because they harbor rusts destructive to plants of economic importance. Suitable plants which may be introduced from other states or regions are listed.

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