

SONGBIRDS **NEED** CATERPILLARS CATERPILLARS **NEED** NATIVE PLANTS

Plant **native plants** to provide for **caterpillars** and all the amazing **birds** we love



Research shows that a bird might need **six to nine thousand caterpillars** to raise a nest of chicks! In fact, almost all songbirds depend on these little insects to grow healthy chicks.



Butterfly and moth caterpillars can be super picky! Some need a specific type of plant, called a host plant, to live on and eat from. **If their host plant isn't available, they will not survive.** It's important to protect these plants so butterflies and moths can thrive!

Oak trees serve as host plants for over **500 different caterpillar species!** The caterpillars munch on the leaves, but they don't harm the trees at all. Oaks play a crucial role in supporting the entire web of life around us, making them essential for nature's balance!

