

Field Planting for Wildlife

The diagram below shows a possible way to convert a field into early successional habitat for wildlife. A double row of conifers is on one side, acting as a screen and a windbreak. Clumps of shrubs and native warm season grasses dot the field, and serpentine pathways that are kept mowed wind throughout the field. The shrubs and native grasses provide cover year-round as well as nesting sites for birds. The shrubs also provide fruit and nectar during several months of the year. The mowed paths provide succulent forage (clover, grass), bugging areas for birds, breeding sites for rabbits, and their curved shape reduces the chance of predation.

