

# Pod catchers

A comparison chart is a helpful tool in decision making.



BLOG HOSTING

In one glance, the features and qualities

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NAME	SYSTEM	STREAMING	DOWNLOAD	PLAYBACK/ OFFLINE	AUTO UPDATES	SEARCHABLE	TRENDING FEATURE	COST	PROS	CONS
Spotify		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		Built into Spotify app.	Ads inserted into audio unless on Spotify Premium plan. No options to subscribe to podcasts.
Stitcher Radio for Podcasts		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Customizable playlists. Great for discovery. Exclusive shows.	Ads inserted into audio unless on Stitcher Premium plan.
TuneIn Radio		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Upgrade to TuneIn Premium for live play-by-play of NFL, MLB, and Barclays Premier League games, commercial-free music stations, and an audio book library	Preroll ads unless on TuneIn Premium. Banner ads without Premium or a one time Pro unlock.
Podbean		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Also includes an audio recorder. Free.	Discovery might be focused on shows using Podbean hosting, their primary product.
Spreaker Podcast Radio		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Free.	No speed adjustments. Similar to Podbean.
Pocket Casts		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$3.99	Trim Silence, Volume Boost	Paid app.
Podcast Republic		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Free with ads. Playlist support.	Ad Supported; can be removed with one-time purchase.
Player FM		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Free. Optional features via subscription.	Reserves the right to show ads in the future.
Podcast Addict		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Supports video podcasts, YouTube channels, audiobooks, streaming radio and other media sources.	Ad supported.
Beyond Pod		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$6.99	Fine-grain download settings give users control of how much the app downloads in the background.	Paid app. Features are lost after 7 days unless full version is purchased.
Dogg Catcher		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2.99	Plays video as well. Variable speed playback.	Paid app with no trial.
AntennaPod		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Variable speed playback. Ability to tip podcasters. Open source application.	Maintained by volunteers. Designed for power users.
Google Play Music		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Included on most Android devices by default.	Lacks additional features offered by most third-party apps.
Apple Podcasts		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Charts)		Easy to use. Syncs across iOS devices.	Lacks additional features offered by most third-party apps.
Overcast		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Smartspeed and Voice Boost features. Playlists. Great developer support. Upload your own audio files for later listening with optional patronage. Recommended podcasts from Twitter and the author.	Slightly more complex than Apple Podcasts.
Castro		✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$3.99	Triage feature to organize podcasts for playback.	Paid app with no trial. May be difficult to learn Triage.
iCatcher!		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2.99	Gesture support for eyes-free use.	Paid app with no trial.
Downcast		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2.99	Variable speed playback. Gesture support.	Paid app with no trial.
RSSRadio		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$3.99 (Removes Ads)	Free with ads. Playback speed adjustment.	No list view. Difficult to find search for new podcasts.

