

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. |

