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American robin feeding on winterberry



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Introduction

This revised (January 2005) native tree and shrub availability list is designed to assist homeowners, landscapers and conservation organizations in locating **native** planting stock for wildlife habitat enhancement. It was compiled from a mail survey of Connecticut's registered nurseries. Of the respondents, many indicated that they have native trees or shrubs in stock or would obtain them by special order. Although some of the listed nurseries are strictly wholesalers, trees and shrubs can be ordered from them through your local nursery or garden center. Present this publication to your local retailer and request if plants can be ordered for you.

Every plant is native to some location. When a plant is grown outside of its original location, it is usually classified as a non-native plant. For example, a Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) is a native tree in Norway, but in the United States it is a non-native that now comprises a large segment of the street trees in our cities and suburbs. Some non-native plants are invasive and they aggressively compete with native plants. Norway maple is a listed non-native invasive tree, which when planted in suburban or rural areas it may eventually spread to adjacent woodlots, thus occupying space where native trees and shrubs would grow. The adaptability and vigor of the Norway maple is undeniable; however, if a disease or insect infestation occurs in a monoculture, a large die-off may occur. Planting different species is a good buffer against disease and insect infestations.

By their very nature, native plants have adapted to the climate of the area, making them naturally hardy. Wildlife have evolved using them for food, cover and shelter. Proper selection, care and placement of trees and shrubs can produce a landscape that is both visually attractive and beneficial to wildlife.

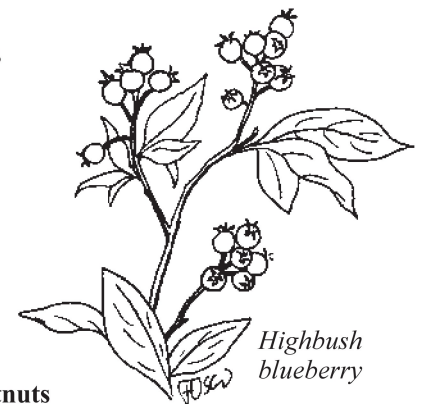
Landscaping with native plants may require gathering more information. Native plant descriptions, flowering and fruiting periods, site requirements and wildlife habitat values may be found in the references below.

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*Gray squirrel with
shagbark hickory nut.*

The following is a list of suggested native trees and shrubs. Look up the species in which you are interested and write down the numbers from the column on the right. Cross-reference the numbers with the nurseries listed on pages 7-9. These numbers indicate which nurseries have that tree or shrub in stock. **Bold** numbers indicate that the nursery can special order the plant.



Highbush
blueberry

Evergreen Trees

Cedars

Atlantic White Cedar
(*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)
4, 7, **9**, 12, **13**, 14, 18, **24**, 28, 32, **37**, 40,
43, **48**, 49, **51**

Eastern Red-cedar
(*Juniperus virginiana*)
2, 4, 7, **11**, **13**, 15, **17**, 18, **24**, 26, 28, 32,
33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 45, **46**, 48, **49**, 51

Northern White Cedar
(*Thuja occidentalis*)
2, 4, 7, **8**, 11, 13, 14, **15**, 17, 18, 21, **24**,
26, **27**, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 41, 43, 45,
47, 48, 50, 51

Pines

Red Pine
(*Pinus resinosa*)
2, **13**, **15**, **18**, **24**, **28**, **34**, 37, **42**, **48**

Pitch Pine
(*Pinus rigida*)
2, **13**, **18**, **24**, **26**, **28**, 33, **48**

White Pine
(*Pinus strobus*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, **8**, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15,
16, 17, 18, 20, 21, **22**, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28,
29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, **39**,
42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52

Spruces

Black Spruce
(*Picea mariana*)
2, **13**, **17**, 18, 21, **24**, **26**, **27**, **28**, 32, 36,
43, **51**

Red Spruce
(*Picea rubens*)
2, **18**, **24**, **28**

Eastern Hemlock
(*Tsuga canadensis*)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, **8**, 9, 10, 11, **12**, **13**, 15, 17,
18, 20, 21, 22, 23, **24**, 26, **27**, 28, 29, 30,
31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, **38**, 39, 42, 43, 44,
45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52

Deciduous Trees

Ashes

White Ash
(*Fraxinus americana*)
3, **9**, **13**, 21, **24**, 26, **28**, **31**, **34**, 37, 48,
51, 53

Black Ash
(*Fraxinus nigra*)
24, **28**, **48**

Green Ash
(*Fraxinus pensylvanica*)
2, 4, **8**, **13**, **24**, 26, 27, **28**, **31**, **34**, 35, 37,
38, **42**, **43**, 47, 48, **51**,

Birches

Black Birch
(*Betula lenta*)
24, **28**, 33, **48**, **51**, **52**

Paper Birch
(*Betula papyrifera*)
1, 2, 3, 4, **8**, 9, **10**, 13, 15, **16**, 17, 18, 21,
24, **26**, **27**, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42,
43, **48**, 50, **51**, 52

Gray Birch
(*Betula populifolia*)
2, 7, 13, 18, 21, **24**, **28**, 33, 37, 47, **48**,
51, 52

Cherries/Plums

Allegheny Plum
(*Prunus alleghaniensis*)
13, **24**, **28**, **37**, **48**

American Plum
(*Prunus americana*)
10, 13, **24**, **28**, **37**, **48**

Pin Cherry
(*Prunus pensylvanica*)
5, **13**, **24**, **28**, **48**

Black Cherry
(*Prunus serotina*)
13, **24**, **26**, 28, **37**, **48**

Choke Cherry
(*Prunus virginiana*)
3, 13, 15, **24**, **26**, 28, **37**, **48**

Chestnuts

American Chestnut
(*Castanea dentata*)
13, 17, 18, **24**, 28, **37**, **48**

American Hybrid-cross
(*Castanea spp.*)
4, 13, **24**, **28**, **37**, **48**

Cottonwoods/Aspens

Eastern Cottonwood
(*Populus deltoides*)
13, **24**, **28**, **48**, **51**

Bigtooth Aspen
(*Populus grandidentata*)
24, **28**, **48**

Swamp Cottonwood
(*Populus heterophylla*)
24, **28**, **48**

Quaking Aspen
(*Populus tremuloides*)
11, 17, 23, **24**, **26**, **28**, 33, **48**

Elms

American Elm
(*Ulmus americana*)
2, 6, **13**, **17**, 18, 19, **24**, **26**, **28**, 29, 34,
37, **43**, **46**, 48

Hawthornes

Round-leaved Hawthorne
(*Crataegus chrysocarpa*)
24, **28**, **37**, **48**

Cockspur Hawthorne
(*Crataegus crus-galli*)
13, 21, **24**, **28**, **34**, **37**, **48**

Frosted Hawthorne
(*Crataegus pruinosa*)
24, **28**, **37**, **48**

Dotted Hawthorne
(*Crataegus punctata*)
13, **24**, **28**, **37**, **48**

Fleshy Hawthorne
(*Crataegus succulenta*)
13, **24**, **28**, **37**, **48**

Hickories

Bitternut Hickory
(*Carya cordiformis*)
13, 24, 28, 48

Pignut Hickory
(*Carya glabra*)
24, 28, 48

Shagbark Hickory
(*Carya ovata*)
13, 18, 24, 28, 33, 48

Mockernut Hickory
(*Carya tomentosa*)
13, 24, 28, 48

Maples

Boxelder
(*Acer negundo*)
13, 24, 28, 29, 32, 41, 48

Black Maple
(*Acer nigrum*)
10, 13, 24, 28, 48

Red Maple
(*Acer rubrum*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 43, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53

Silver Maple
(*Acer saccharinum*)
2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 24, 28, 29, 31, 34, 37, 43, 48

Sugar Maple
(*Acer saccharum*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54

Mountain Maple
(*Acer spicatum*)
24, 28, 48

Oaks

White Oak
(*Quercus alba*)
2, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 42, 43, 45, 48, 51, 52

Swamp White Oak
(*Quercus bicolor*)
2, 4, 5, 13, 17, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 37, 45, 47, 48, 51

Scarlet Oak
(*Quercus coccinea*)
6, 8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 34, 37, 48, 51

Chinkapin Oak
(*Quercus muehlenbergii*)
6, 13, 24, 26, 28, 48

Chestnut Oak
(*Quercus prinus*)
3, 13, 24, 26, 28, 48

Northern Red Oak
(*Quercus rubra*)
2, 4, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 43, 45, 48, 51, 52, 53

Post Oak
(*Quercus stellata*)
13, 24, 28, 34, 48

Black Oak
(*Quercus velutina*)
9, 13, 24, 26, 28, 48

Walnut

Butternut Walnut
(*Juglans cinera*)
13, 24, 28, 48

Black Walnut
(*Juglans nigra*)
9, 13, 17, 18, 24, 28, 33, 45, 48

Other Deciduous Trees

American Hornbeam
(*Carpinus caroliniana*)
2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 32, 37, 43, 45, 48, 51

Hackberry
(*Celtis occidentalis*)
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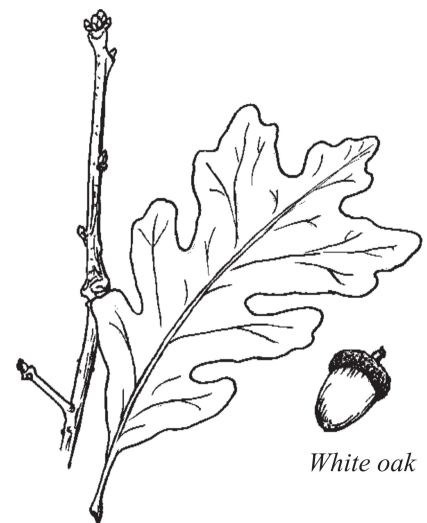
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(*Cercis canadensis*)
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Flowering Dogwood
(*Cornus florida*)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53

Common Persimmon
(*Diospyros virginiana*)
24, 26, 28, 32, 48

American Beech
(*Fagus grandifolia*)
2, 3, 10, 13, 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 37, 42, 43, 45, 48, 51

American Holly
(*Ilex opaca*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34, 35, 37, 42, 43, 46, 48, 51



Sweetgum
(*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 37, 41, 43, 46, 48, 50, 51

Tulip Tree (Yellow Poplar)
(*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 42, 43, 48, 51

Red Mulberry
(*Morus rubra*)
13, 15, 18, 24, 28, 43, 48

Black Gum (Tupelo)
(*Nyssa sylvatica*)
2, 4, 7, 11, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 42, 43, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53

Eastern Hophornbeam
(*Ostrya virginiana*)
21, 24, 28, 32, 48, 51

American Sycamore
(*Platanus occidentalis*)
2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 37, 42, 43, 48

Willow
(*Salix spp.*)
2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 51

Sassafras
(*Sassafras albidum*)
2, 7, 13, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 48, 51

American Mountain-ash
(*Sorbus americana*)
2, 18, 21, 24, 28, 33, 43, 48

American Basswood
(*Tilia americana*)
2, 13, 24, 26, 28, 37, 42, 48, 51

Native Shrubs

Dogwoods

Alternate-leaf Dogwood
(*Cornus alternifolia*)

2, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29,
32, 33, 37, 39, 48, 51

Silky Dogwood
(*Cornus amomum*)

2, 10, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 32,
33, 37, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53

Gray Dogwood
(*Cornus racemosa*)

2, 10, 13, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 35, 37, 42,
46, 47, 48, 51, 53

Red-osier Dogwood
(*Cornus sericea*)

2, 4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26,
28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, 43, 46, 47,
48, 51, 52

Roundleaf Dogwood
(*Cornus rugosa*)

2, 10, 13, 18, 24, 28, 37, 48

Honeysuckles

American Fly Honeysuckle
(*Lonicera canadensis*)

2, 3, 13, 18, 24, 26, 28, 29, 43, 48

Swamp Fly Honeysuckle
(*Lonicera oblongifolia*)

2, 13, 18, 24, 26, 28, 48

Laurels

Sheep Laurel, Lambkill
(*Kalmia angustifolia*)

2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, 18, 24, 28, 29, 32, 33,
36, 40, 42, 48, 49, 51

Mountain Laurel
(*Kalmia latifolia*)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,
31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43,
45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54

Bog Laurel
(*Kalmia polifolia*)

2, 17, 18, 21, 24, 28, 32, 43, 48

Maples

Striped Maple
(*Acer pensylvanicum*)

7, 13, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 40, 48

Mountain Maple
(*Acer spicatum*)

13, 18, 24, 28, 40, 48

Rhododendrons

Wild Honeysuckle
(*Rhododendron nudiflorum*)

7, 18, 24, 26, 28, 40, 48

Swamp Azalea

(*Rhododendron viscosum*)
4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26,
28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 48, 50,
51, 52, 53

Sumacs

Staghorn Sumac
(*Rhus typhina*)

13, 21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 42, 48, 51,
52

White pine



Shining Sumac
(*Rhus copallina*)

13, 24, 28, 48

Smooth Sumac
(*Rhus glabra*)

13, 21, 24, 28, 48, 52

Viburnums

Mapleleaf Viburnum
(*Viburnum acerifolium*)

2, 4, 5, 13, 18, 21, 24, 26, 28, 33, 37, 43,
48

Hobblebush
(*Viburnum alnifolium*)

2, 7, 13, 18, 24, 28, 33, 37, 43, 48

Witherod, Wild Raisin
(*Viburnum cassinoides*)

2, 9, 18, 23, 24, 28, 37, 40, 43, 48, 49

Nannyberry
(*Viburnum lentago*)

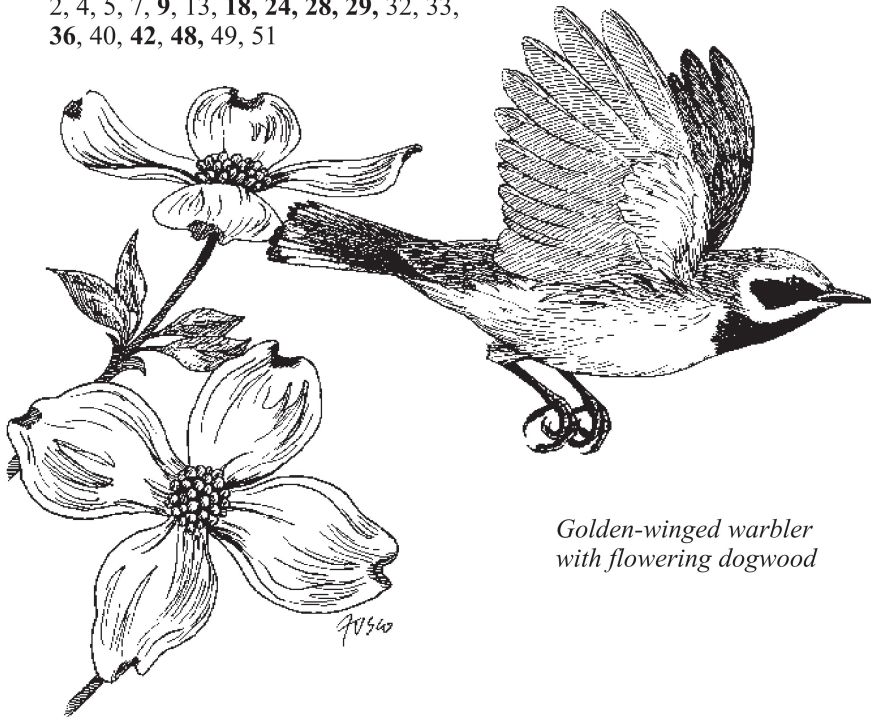
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Arrowwood
(*Viburnum dentatum*)

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23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37,
40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53,
54

American Cranberry Bush
(*Viburnum trilobum*)

2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21,
22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35,
37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53,
54



Golden-winged warbler
with flowering dogwood



Shagbark hickory

More Native Shrubs

Shadbush, Serviceberry

(*Amelanchier canadensis*)

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53

Winterberry

(*Ilex verticillata*)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54

Witch-hazel

(*Hamamelis virginiana*)

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53

Black Chokeberry

(*Aronia melanocarpa*)

2, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35, 37, 42, 48, 49, 51, 53

Jersey Tea

(*Ceanothus americanus*)

13, 18, 24, 28, 29, 42, 48, 49, 51

Leatherleaf

(*Chamaedaphne calyculata*)

2, 5, 10, 24, 28, 48, 51

Summersweet or Sweet Pepperbush

(*Clethra alnifolia*)

2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53

Sweet Fern

(*Comptonia peregrina*)

4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 21, 24, 26, 28, 32, 33, 37,

40, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53

Bush Honeysuckle

(*Diervilla lonicera*)

2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 40, 47, 48, 51

Labrador Tea

(*Ledum groenlandicum*)

9, 11, 12, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 48, 49, 51

Spicebush

(*Lindera benzoin*)

2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35, 37, 40, 42, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53

Huckleberry, Maleberry

(*Lyonia ligustrina*)

18, 24, 26, 28, 33, 48

Bayberry

(*Myrica pensylvanica*)

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54

Mountain Holly

(*Nemopanthus mucronata*)

5, 9, 11, 24, 28, 40, 45, 48, 51

Shrubby Cinquefoil

(*Potentilla fruticosa*)

2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 43, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53

Elderberry

(*Sambucus canadensis*)

4, 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 28, 29, 35, 41, 43,

47, 48, 49, 51, 53

Meadowsweet Spiraea

(*Spiraea latifolia*)

2, 13, 18, 24, 28, 32, 33, 35, 40, 43, 48

Bladdernut

(*Staphylea trifolia*)

24, 28, 48

Canada Yew

(*Taxus canadensis*)

2, 3, 13, 24, 27, 28, 36, 40, 48

Highbush Blueberry

(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 40, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53

Leatherwood

(*Dirca palustris*)

2, 18, 24, 28, 48

Common Juniper

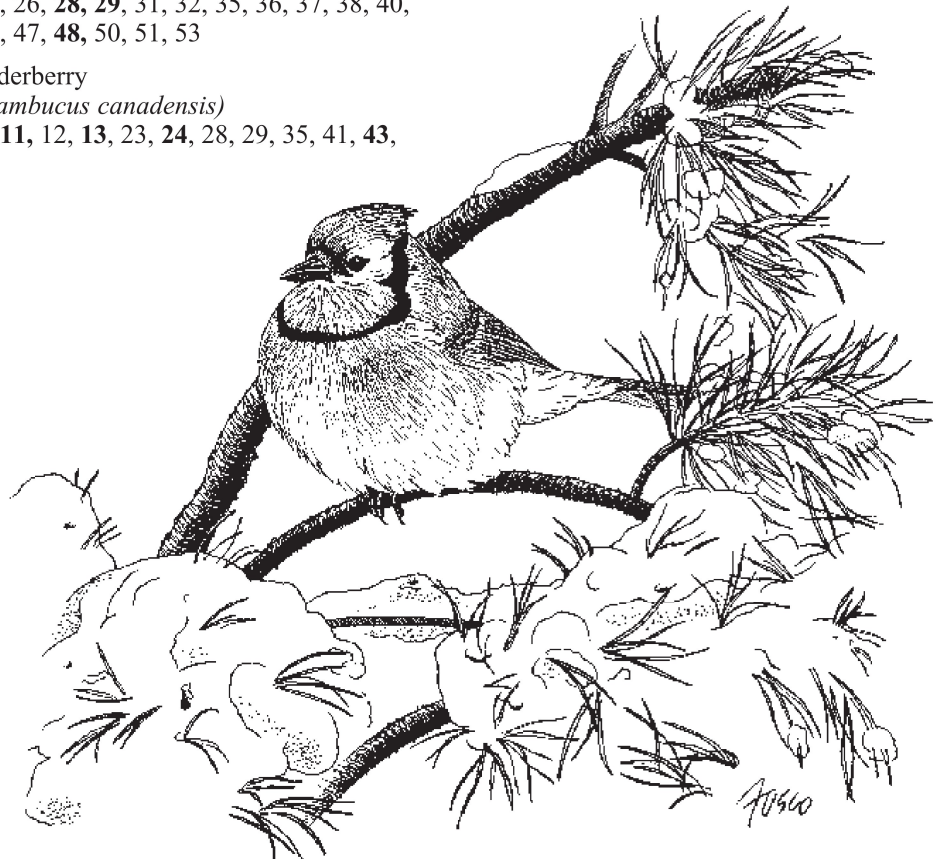
(*Juniperus communis*)

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Buttonbush

(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

4, 7, 9, 11, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 37, 39, 40, 42, 47, 48, 51



Blue jay on white pine

Native Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife Food and Cover

Summer Foods for Wildlife

Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*)
Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
Shadbush Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)
Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
Choke Cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
Pin Cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)

Fall Foods for Wildlife

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
Common Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)
Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)
Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum recognitum*)
Nannyberry Viburnum (*Viburnum lentago*)
Eastern Red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Hawthornes (*Crataegus spp.*)
Hickories (*Carya spp.*)
Oaks (*Quercus spp.*)
Walnuts (*Juglans spp.*)
American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)
American Filbert / Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

Winter Foods for Wildlife

Northern Bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*)
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
Highbush Cranberry Viburnum (*Viburnum trilobum*)
Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Ground Juniper (*Juniperus communis*)
American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)
Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

Winter Cover for Wildlife

Eastern Red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Northern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)
White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)
American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
Atlantic White Cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)
Black Spruce (*Picea mariana*)
Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)

Spring Foods for Wildlife

Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
American Elm (*Ulmus americana*)

Trees and Shrubs for Butterflies

Meadowsweet Spiraea (*Spiraea latifolia*)
Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Pinxterbloom Azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum*)
Swamp Azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)



Northern saw-whet owl in
eastern hemlock

Connecticut's State Tree: White Oak (Quercus alba), also known as the Charter Oak

Description:

This deciduous tree grows up to 75-100 feet tall. It has grayish white bark and evenly lobed leaves, and it grows on a variety of site conditions. White oak produces acorns, which are highly preferred by deer, turkeys and squirrels.

Connecticut's State Flower: Mountain Laurel (Kalmia latifolia)

Description:

This evergreen shrub grows from 2 to 20 feet tall. It usually grows in the understory and typically in drier soils. Mountain laurel produces showy flowers in early summer, with colors ranging from white to red. The shrub is propagated widely by the nursery industry; many cultivars have been developed by Dr. Richard Jaynes of Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden.

Wildlife Food Habits

Backyard Songbirds:

American Robin, Northern Catbird

Summer foods: serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*), red mulberry (*Morus rubra*), blueberries (*Vaccinium corymbosum*, *V. angustifolium*)

Fall foods: flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum recognitum*), nannyberry viburnum (*Viburnum lentago*), black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

Winter /spring migration foods: winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), highbush cranberry viburnum (*Viburnum trilobum*), staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*), northern bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*), American holly (*Ilex opaca*)

Winter cover: eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), northern white cedar (*Thuja canadensis*), eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), black spruce (*Picea mariana*)

Interior Forest Songbirds:

Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager

Summer foods: serviceberry, red mulberry, blueberries

Fall foods: flowering dogwood, silky dogwood, common elderberry, arrowwood viburnum, nannyberry viburnum, black cherry

Spring migration foods: winterberry, highbush cranberry viburnum, staghorn sumac, American holly

*Eastern chipmunk
with acorn*



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