

## Wildlife-attracting Plants for the Home Landscape

Plants provide three essentials required by wildlife: food, cover, and nesting sites. The trees, shrubs, and vines listed below are known to appeal to birds, mammals, butterflies and other beneficial insects, and they will meet one or more of an animals basic needs. These plants are also recognized for their general landscape usefulness and ornamental impact.

To attract the largest number of wildlife year round, develop a suitable blend of plant species and habits - ones that will please both animals and people. The varieties marked with an asterisk (\*) are native to the northeast United States. Use native plants when possible.

### Deciduous Trees

Maples	*Striped Maple	* <i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>
	*Red Maple	* <a href="#"><u><i>A. rubrum</i></u></a>
	*Sugar Maple	* <a href="#"><u><i>A. saccharum</i></u></a>
Serviceberries	*Downy serviceberry	* <i>Amelanchier arborea</i>
	*Low shadbush	* <i>A. stolonifera</i>
Birches	*Sweet Birch	* <i>Betula lenta</i>
	*Yellow Birch	* <i>B. lutea</i>
	*River Birch	* <a href="#"><u><i>B nigra</i></u></a>
		* <a href="#"><u><i>Celtis occidentalis</i></u></a>
Common Hackberry		
Dogwoods	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	<a href="#"><u><i>Cornus mas</i></u></a>
	*Pagoda Dogwood	* <a href="#"><u><i>C. alternifolia</i></u></a>
	*Flowering Dogwood	* <i>C. florida</i>
Washington Hawthorn		* <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>
Crabapple		* <i>Malus spp.</i>
Red Mulberry		* <i>Morus rubra</i>
Sourgum		* <a href="#"><u><i>Nyssa sylvatica</i></u></a>
Cherries	*Pin Cherry	* <i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>
	*Black Cherry	* <i>P. serotina</i>
	*Common Chokeberry	* <i>P. virginiana</i>
Oak	*White Oak	* <a href="#"><u><i>Quercus alba</i></u></a>
	*Scarlet Oak	* <i>Q. coccinea</i>
	*Blackjack Oak	* <i>Q. marilandica</i>

Sassafras	*Pin Oak	* <a href="#">Q. palustris</a>
European Mountain Ash		* <a href="#">Sassafras albidum</a>
		<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>

## Evergreen Trees

*American Holly		* <i>Ilex opaca</i>
*Redcedar		* <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Spruces	White Spruce	<a href="#">Picea glauca</a>
	Colorado Spruce	<a href="#">P. pungens</a>
Pines	*White Pine	* <a href="#">Pinus strobus</a>
	*Pitch Pine	* <i>P. rigida</i>
Douglas-fir		<a href="#">Pseudotsuga menzies</a>
Arborvitae		* <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>
Hemlock		* <a href="#">Tsuga canadensis</a>

## Deciduous Shrubs

Chokeberries	*Red chokeberry	* <a href="#">Aronia arbutifolia</a>
	*Black chokeberry	* <i>A. melancarpa</i>
Dogwoods	*Silky Dogwood	* <i>Cornus amomum</i>
	*Gray Dogwood	* <i>C. racemosa</i>
	*Redosier Dogwood	* <i>C. stolonifera</i>
Spreading Cotoneaster		<i>Cotoneaster divaricata</i>
Winterberry Holly		* <i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Spicebush		* <a href="#">Lindera benzoin</a>
Bayberry		* <a href="#">Myrica pensylvanica</a>
Sumacs	*Smooth Sumac	* <i>Rhus glabra</i>
	*Fragrant Sumac	* <a href="#">R. aromatica</a>
American Elder		* <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>
Coralberry		* <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>
Blueberries	*Lowbush Blueberry	* <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>
	*Highbush Blueberry	* <i>V. corybosum</i>
Viburnums	*Mapleleaf viburnum	* <i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>
	*Arrowwood viburnum	* <i>V. dentatum</i>
	*American viburnum	* <i>V. trilobum</i>

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Willowleaf Cotoneaster		<i>Cotoneaster salicifolia</i>
Hollies	Chinese Holly	<a href="#">Ilex cornuta</a>
	*Inkberry Holly	* <i>I. glabra</i>
Junipers	*Common Juniper	* <i>Juniperus communis</i>
	*Creeping Juniper	* <i>J. horizontalis</i>
Grape-holly		<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>

Cherry-laurel  
Firethorn  
Japanese Yew

\**Prunus carolina*  
[\*Pyracantha coccinea\*](#)  
*Taxus cuspidata*

## Deciduous Vines

Trumpet Creeper  
Trumpet honeysuckle  
Virginia Creeper

\**Campsis radicans*  
\**Lonicera sempervirens*  
\**Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

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