

# Connecticut Native Tree, Shrub, and Perennial Availability List



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Monarch butterfly on New York ironweed, Alyssa Siegel-Miles*



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## Introduction

This updated 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 survey of Connecticut's registered nurseries. Of the respondents, many indicated that they have native trees, shrubs, or perennials in stock or would obtain them by special order. Although some of the listed nurseries are strictly wholesale businesses, trees and shrubs can often be ordered from them through your local retail nursery or garden center. Present this publication to your local retailer and ask them to order plants for you if they do not already have them in stock.



*Aromatic sumac: A. Siegel-Miles*

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. Some non-native plants are invasive - they reproduce in great numbers, aggressively compete with native plants, and cause environmental harm. Invasive plants can severely impact the health of our ecosystems. For example, Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), native to Europe and western Asia, is a non-native tree listed as invasive in the United States that has been widely planted as a street tree in our cities and suburbs. From suburban and rural areas, it has spread to adjacent woodlots, occupying space where native trees and shrubs may have otherwise grown. For more information about invasive plants, visit the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group website ([cipwg.uconn.edu](http://cipwg.uconn.edu)).

Planting a variety of plant species is an effective practice to deter possible disease and insect infestations. Native plants have adapted to the local climate, making them naturally hardy. Wildlife have evolved using them for food, cover and shelter. Proper selection, care, and placement of native plants can produce a landscape that is both visually attractive and beneficial to wildlife. Native plant descriptions, flowering and fruiting periods, site requirements, and wildlife habitat values may be found in the references below.

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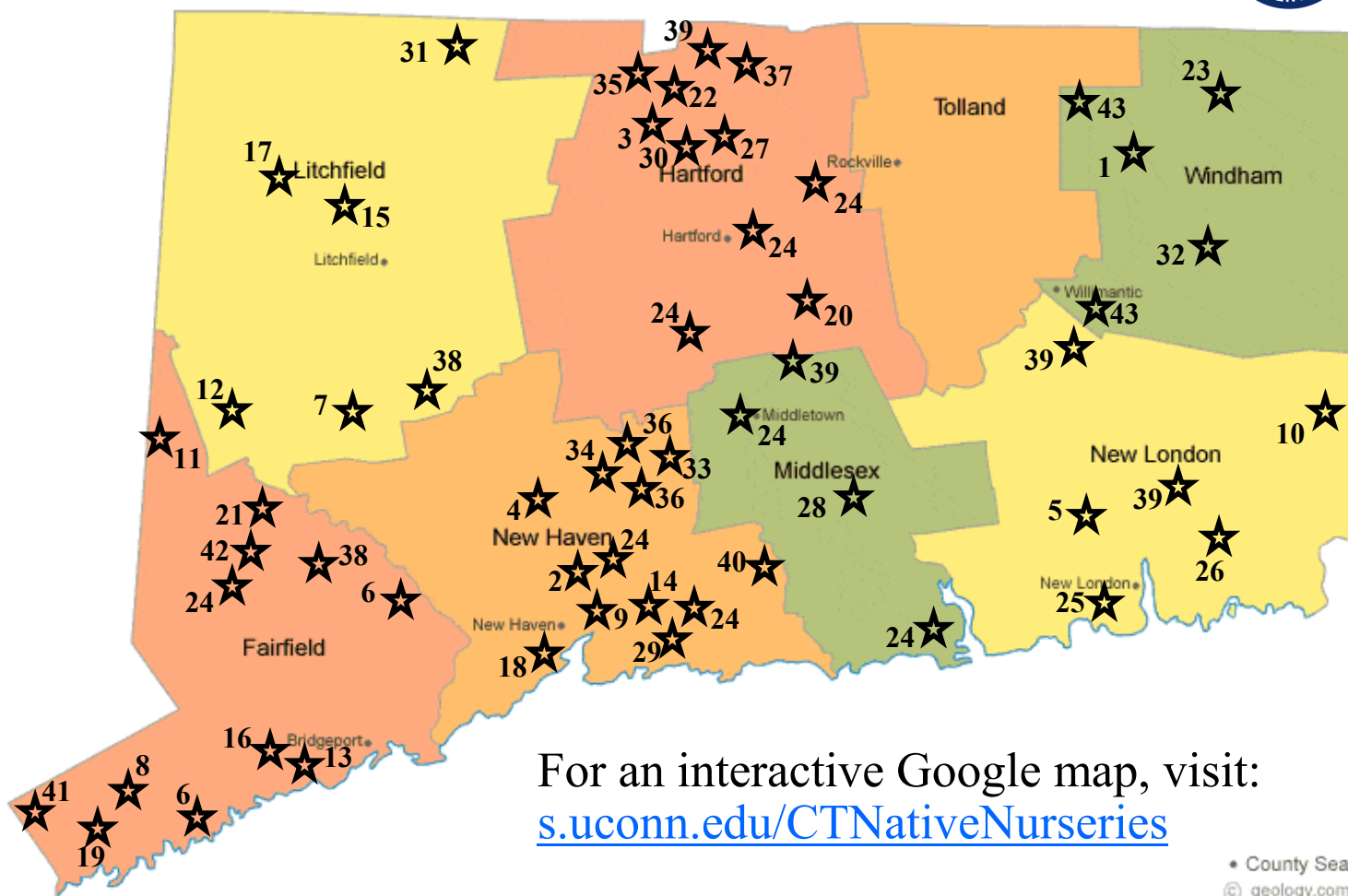
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- Pollinator Pathways CT Native Plant Lists. [pollinator-pathway.org](http://pollinator-pathway.org)
- Connecticut College Arboretum publications. [conncoll.edu/the-arboretum/publications](http://conncoll.edu/the-arboretum/publications)
- Connecticut Botanical Society Databases. [ct-botanical-society.org](http://ct-botanical-society.org)
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- Audubon Native Plant Database. [audubon.org/plantsforbirds](http://audubon.org/plantsforbirds)
- Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Pollinator Plants. [xerces.org/pollinator-conservation](http://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation)
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Database. [wildflower.org/plants](http://wildflower.org/plants)

### Books:

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# Map of Participating Nurseries

Starred locations are approximations. Not to scale. County map source: [geology.com](http://geology.com)



For an interactive Google map, visit: [s.uconn.edu/CTNativeNurseries](http://s.uconn.edu/CTNativeNurseries)

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## Nurseries

Additional business information about each nursery can be found on pages 12-14. Thank you to all the nurseries that contributed the plant lists used to develop this document.

### RETAIL

1. Ashford Garden Center
2. Bell Nurseries Inc.
3. Bosco's Garden Center
4. Broken Arrow Nursery
5. Burnett's Country Gardens
6. Courville Nursery (RETAIL & WHOLESALE) (2 locations)
7. Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery (RETAIL & WHOLESALE)
8. Exquisite Environments
9. Fair Haven Garden Exchange
10. Hartikka Tree Farms (RETAIL & WHOLESALE)
11. Locust Glen Garden Center
12. Meadowbrook Gardens
13. NATIVE LLC
14. Natureworks Garden Center
15. Northern Farm & Flowers

16. Oliver Nurseries
17. Quercus Alba Nursery
18. Sacred Roots Nursery (RETAIL & WHOLESALE)
19. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses (RETAIL & WHOLESALE)
20. Scott's Orchard & Nursery
21. Shakespeare's Garden
22. Spring Pond Nursery
23. Sprucedale Gardens Nursery
24. Smithland Pet & Garden Center (7 locations)
25. Smith's Acres
26. Stonington Gardens LLC
27. The Green Machine
28. Town & Country Nurseries
29. Van Wilgen's Garden Center
30. Warner Nursery

31. Wild River Farm / H. White (RETAIL & WHOLESALE)

### WHOLESALE

32. Canterbury Horticulture
33. Kogut Nursery
34. Michael's Greenhouses
35. Monrovia
36. N. Casertano Greenhouses and Farms Inc. (2 locations)
37. Northern Nurseries
38. Planters' Choice Nursery (2 locations)
39. Prides Corner Farm (4 locations)
40. Summer Hill Nursery
41. Trailside Nursery
42. Wild Orchard Nursery
43. Willi-wamp (2 locations)

# Native Trees and Shrubs



The following is a list of trees and shrubs that have been identified as native to CT. **The numbers below each plant species identify which nurseries grow/sell that perennial. Business address, web, and contact details are listed on pgs. 12-14.**

Numbers with an asterisk (\*) indicate that the nursery may be able to special order the plant. **Bold numbers** indicate that the nursery sells exclusively to the wholesale trade.

## Evergreen Trees

### Cedars

Atlantic white cedar  
(*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)  
3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 14\*, 16,  
19\*, 21\*, 23\*, 24\*, 27\*, 29, 31

Eastern red-cedar  
(*Juniperus virginiana*)  
2, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19,  
20, 21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, **37,**  
**38, 39, 40, 41**

Northern white cedar  
(*Thuja occidentalis*)  
3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16,  
19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, **33,**  
**37, 38, 39, 40, 41**

### Pines

Red pine  
(*Pinus resinosa*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, 27

Pitch pine  
(*Pinus rigida*)  
6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*, 26\*,  
31, **41\***

Eastern white pine  
(*Pinus strobus*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10\*, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16\*, 19, 20, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,  
30, 31, **33, 37, 38, 39, 41\***



### Spruces

Black spruce  
(*Picea mariana*)  
2\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
27, 28\*, 29, 31, **38**

Red spruce  
(*Picea rubens*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
31, **38\***

Eastern hemlock  
(*Tsuga canadensis*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 8\*, 10\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 16,  
19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, **37,**  
**38, 40, 41**

## Deciduous Trees

### Ashes

White ash  
(*Fraxinus americana*)  
6\*, 13\*, 16\*, 24\*

Black ash  
(*Fraxinus nigra*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 24\*

Green ash  
(*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 16\*, 24\*, 29

### Birches

Black birch, Sweet birch  
(*Betula lenta*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*,  
23\*, 24\*, 27\*, 29, **38, 39**

Paper birch  
(*Betula papyrifera*)  
2, 3, 6, 7\*, 8\*, 11, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 19,  
23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, **35, 37, 38,**  
**39, 40, 41\***

Gray birch  
(*Betula populifolia*)  
6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16, 23, 24\*,  
26\*, 29, **38, 39**

### Cherries/Plums

Allegheny plum  
(*Prunus alleghaniensis*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, **43\***



American plum  
(*Prunus americana*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, **43\***

Pin cherry  
(*Prunus pensylvanica*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, 27

Black cherry  
(*Prunus serotina*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
27, **39, 41\***

Choke cherry  
(*Prunus virginiana*)  
1, 7, 8\*, 11, 13, 14\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*,  
27, 29, 30, **38, 39, 43\***

### Chestnuts

American chestnut  
(*Castanea dentata*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 16\*, 19\*, 23, 24\*,  
**39, 41\*, 43**

American chestnut hybrid-cross  
(*Castanea* spp.)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23, 24\*, **39, 42, 43**

### Cottonwoods/Aspens

Eastern cottonwood  
(*Populus deltoides*)  
4, 6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 23, 24\*

Bigtooth aspen  
(*Populus grandidentata*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*



Sugar maple flowers. A. Siegel-Miles

Swamp cottonwood  
(*Populus heterophylla*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*

Quaking aspen  
(*Populus tremuloides*)  
6, 8\*, 11\*, 13, 16\*, 23, 24\*, 26

### Hawthornes

Round-leaved hawthorne  
(*Crataegus chrysocarpa*)  
6\*, 8, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*

Cockspur hawthorne  
(*Crataegus crus-galli*)  
6\*, 8, 11\*, 13, 23, 24\*, **39**

Frosted hawthorne  
(*Crataegus pruinosa*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*

Dotted hawthorne  
(*Crataegus punctata*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*

Fleshy hawthorne  
(*Crataegus succulenta*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*

### Hickories

Bitternut hickory  
(*Carya cordiformis*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*, **42, 43\***

Pignut hickory  
(*Carya glabra*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, **43\***

Shagbark hickory  
(*Carya ovata*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*, 29,  
**38, 39, 42, 43\***

Mockernut hickory  
(*Carya tomentosa*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 24\*

### Maples

Boxelder  
(*Acer negundo*)  
4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*,  
24\*, 29

Black maple  
(*Acer nigrum*)  
6\*, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 24\*, 27\*

Red maple  
(*Acer rubrum*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20,  
21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, **33,**  
**35, 37, 38, 39, 41**

Silver maple  
(*Acer saccharinum*)  
3\*, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
26, 27\*, 29, 30

Sugar maple  
(*Acer saccharum*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19,  
20, 21, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, **37,**  
**38, 39, 41**

Mountain maple  
(*Acer spicatum*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*, 27\*,  
**40**

Striped maple  
(*Acer pensylvanicum*)  
4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 23,  
24\*, 27\*, 29, **39**

### Oaks

White oak  
(*Quercus alba*)  
3\*, 6, 7, 8, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19\*,  
23, 24\*, 29, 30, **37, 38, 39, 41\***

Swamp white oak  
(*Quercus bicolor*)  
3\*, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13, 14, 16, 23,  
24\*, 26, 29, 30, **37, 38, 39**

Scarlet oak  
(*Quercus coccinea*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24\*, 26,  
29, **37, 38, 39**

Chinkapin oak  
(*Quercus muehlenbergii*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 16, 24\*

Chestnut oak  
(*Quercus prinus*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 13\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*, **38, 39**

Northern red oak  
(*Quercus rubra*)  
2\*, 3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14, 16,  
21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 29, **33, 38, 39, 41\***

Post oak  
(*Quercus stellata*)  
6\*, 8\*, 13\*, 24\*

Black oak  
(*Quercus velutina*)  
6\*, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 24\*

### Serviceberries

Downy serviceberry  
(*Amelanchier arborea*)  
6, 8, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
27, **33, 38, 43\***

Shadbush/serviceberry  
(*Amelanchier canadensis*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19,  
20, 21, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, **35,**  
**37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43\***

Allegheny serviceberry  
(*Amelanchier laevis*)  
3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 21\*,  
23, 24\*, 26, 27\*, 29, **33, 37, 38, 39, 40**

### Walnuts

Butternut walnut  
(*Juglans cinera*)  
6, 8\*, 13\*, 24\*, **43**

Black walnut  
(*Juglans nigra*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11, 13, 23, 24\*, 27\*, 29, **39,**  
**42, 43**

### Other Deciduous Trees

(sorted alphabetically by botanical name)

American hornbeam  
(*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
2\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 16, 19\*, 23\*,  
24\*, 26, 27, 29, **38, 39, 41\***

Hackberry  
(*Celtis occidentalis*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13, 16, 23\*, 24\*, 26,  
29, **37, 38, 39**

Redbud  
(*Cercis canadensis*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 16,  
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28\*,  
29, 30, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43**



Tulip tree blossom. P. Picone



Alternate-leaf dogwood  
(*Cornus alternifolia*)  
3\*, 4, 6\*, 8, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 21\*,  
23, 24\*, 26, 27, 29, 30, **37, 38, 39, 40,**  
**41\***

Flowering dogwood  
(*Cornus florida*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,  
29, 30, **37, 38, 39, 40, 41**

Common persimmon  
(*Diospyros virginiana*)  
4, 6, 7, 8\*, 13, 16, 23\*, 24\*, 29, **39, 43**

American beech  
(*Fagus grandifolia*)  
3\*, 6, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
27, **35, 37, 38, 39**

American holly  
(*Ilex opaca*)  
2\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19,  
21, 23, 24\*, 26\*, 27\*, **38, 39, 40, 41**

Sweetgum  
(*Liquidambar styraciflua*)  
2\*, 3\*, 4, 6, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19\*,  
21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, **37, 38,**  
**39, 40, 41\***

Tulip tree (yellow poplar)  
(*Liriodendron tulipifera*)  
2\*, 4, 6, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 16,  
19\*, 21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 29, 30, **37, 38,**  
**39, 40, 41\***

Red mulberry  
(*Morus rubra*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 23, 24\*, 27\*

Black gum (tupelo)  
(*Nyssa sylvatica*)  
4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19\*,  
21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 27\*, 28\*, 29, 30,  
**37, 38, 39, 40, 41\***

Eastern hophornbeam  
(*Ostrya virginiana*)  
6, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*, 26,  
**38, 39**



Shining sumac. J. Lubell-Brand

American sycamore  
(*Platanus occidentalis*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 16, 23, 24\*, 27,  
28\*, **38, 39**

Black willow  
(*Salix nigra*)  
2\*, 3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 13\*, 15, 19\*, 20, 23\*,  
24\*, 29, **38, 41\***

Sassafras  
(*Sassafras albidum*)  
4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 23, 24\*, 29,  
**38, 39, 43\***

American mountain-ash  
(*Sorbus americana*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
29, **38, 39**

American basswood  
(*Tilia americana*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 13, 16, 19\*, 23, 24\*, 29, **38,**  
**39, 41\***

Slippery elm  
(*Ulmus rubra*)  
6\*, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 27,  
28\*, **39, 41\***

## Native Shrubs

### Azaleas/Rhododendrons

Rosebay  
(*Rhododendron maximum*)  
2, 3\*, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 19,  
20, 21\*, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, **35,**  
**37, 38, 39, 41**

Pinxter bloom azalea  
(*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)  
3\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 21, 23,  
24\*, 26, 29, **38, 39, 40**

Swamp azalea  
(*Rhododendron viscosum*)  
2\*, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16,  
19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, **37,**  
**38, 39, 40, 41\***

### Dogwoods

Silky dogwood  
(*Cornus amomum*)  
3\*, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14\*, 15, 16, 23\*, 24\*,  
26, 29, 30, **38, 39, 40**

Panicle/gray dogwood  
(*Cornus racemosa*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*,  
26, 29, 30, 32, 33, **37, 38, 39, 40**

Red-osier dogwood  
(*Cornus sericea*)  
2, 3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 16, 21,  
23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, **33,**  
**35, 37, 38, 39, 40**



Roundleaf dogwood  
(*Cornus rugosa*)  
3\*, 6\*, 8\*, 12\*, 13, 23\*, 24\*

### Laurels

Sheep laurel, lambkill  
(*Kalmia angustifolia*)  
2\*, 3, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16,  
21\*, 23\*, 24\*, 29, **38, 39, 40**

Mountain laurel  
(*Kalmia latifolia*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16,  
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,  
30, 32, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41\***

Bog laurel  
(*Kalmia polifolia*)  
2\*, 3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16, 21\*,  
23\*, 24\*

### Roses

Virginia rose  
(*Rosa virginiana*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 21\*,  
23\*, 24\*, 25, 29, 30, **37, 38, 39, 40**

Swamp rose  
(*Rosa palustris*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 13\*, 14\*, 23\*, 24\*, 29, **37,**  
**38, 39**

Pasture rose  
(*Rosa carolina*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
29, **40**

### Sumacs

Fragrant/aromatic sumac  
(*Rhus aromatica*)  
3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 19\*,  
23, 24\*, 28\*, 29, 30, 32, **33, 37, 38,**  
**39, 40, 41**

Shining/winged sumac  
(*Rhus copallina*)  
4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, 29, **39**

Smooth sumac  
(*Rhus glabra*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 23, 24\*, 29,  
**38, 39**



Buttonbush. *P. Picone*

Staghorn sumac

(*Rhus typhina*)

3\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 23, 24\*, 25, 29, **38, 39**

## Viburnums

Mapleleaf viburnum

(*Viburnum acerifolium*)

3\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 15, 16, 21\*, 23\*, 24\*, 25, 29, 30, **38, 39, 40, 43\***

Hobblebush

(*Viburnum alnifolium*)

3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 19, 23\*, 24\*, 27, **41\*, 43\***

Witherod, wild raisin

(*Viburnum cassinoides*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 21\*, 23, 24\*, 29, 30, **38, 39, 40, 43\***

Arrowwood

(*Viburnum dentatum*)

3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 19, 20, 21\*, 22, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, **33, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41\***

Nannyberry

(*Viburnum lentago*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 11, 12\*, 13, 14\*, 16, 21\*, 22, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 29, 30, **38, 39, 43\***

American cranberry bush

(*Viburnum trilobum*)

2\*, 3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 15, 16, 21, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 28\*, 29, 30, 32, **33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43\***

## More Native Shrubs

(sorted alphabetically by botanical name)

Speckled alder

(*Alnus incana ssp. rugosa*)

1, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16, 23\*, 24\*, **38, 39**

Bearberry, kinnickinick

(*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)

1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16\*, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, 32, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41**

Red chokeberry

(*Aronia arbutifolia*)

1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, **33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41\***

Black chokeberry

(*Aronia melanocarpa*)

3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19\*, 21, 23, 24\*, 27, 29, 30, 32, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41\***

New Jersey tea

(*Ceanothus americanus*)

3\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 29, 30, **38, 39**

Leatherleaf

(*Chamaedaphne calyculata*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*, 26, **39, 40**

Buttonbush

(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

1, 3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 38, 39, 40

Summersweet or sweet pepperbush

(*Clethra alnifolia*)

1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41**

Sweet fern

(*Comptonia peregrina*)

3, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 21\*, 23, 24\*, 26, 28\*, 29, 30, 32, **37, 38, 39, 40**

American hazelnut

(*Corylus americana*)

2\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14\*, 16\*, 20, 23, 24\*, 27, 29, **38, 39, 42, 43\***

Beaked filbert

(*Corylus cornuta*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 24\*, **38, 39\*, 43\***

Shrubby cinquefoil

(*Dasiphora fruticosa*,

syn. *Potentilla fruticosa*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 15, 16, 23, 24\*, 25, 29, **33, 37, 39, 40**

Northern bush honeysuckle

(*Diervilla lonicera*)

1, 3, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 21\*, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, 32,

**38, 39, 40**

Leatherwood

(*Dirca palustris*)

4, 6\*, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*, 40

Black huckleberry

(*Gaylussacia baccata*)

6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*, 27, **38, 39, 40**

Witch-hazel

(*Hamamelis virginiana*)

1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, **32, 37, 38, 39, 41**

Shrubby St. John's wort

(*Hypericum prolificum*)

1, 3, 6, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14, 16\*, 19, 20, 23\*, 24, 25, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, **35, 41**

Inkberry holly

(*Ilex glabra*)

2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, **33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41**



Bush honeysuckle. *A. Siegel-Miles*



Steeplebush. *J. Lubell-Brand*



Winterberry  
(*Ilex verticillata*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19,  
20, 21, 22, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,  
30, 32, **35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41**

Common juniper  
(*Juniperus communis*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 15,  
20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30,  
31, **35, 39, 40, 41\***

Creeping juniper  
(*Juniperus horizontalis*)  
2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 15, 16, 19,  
20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32,  
**33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41**

Labrador tea  
(*Ledum groenlandicum*)  
6\*, 7\*, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 16\*, 23\*, 24\*,  
**38, 40**

Spicebush  
(*Lindera benzoin*)  
3\*, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13\*, 14, 16, 21\*, 23,  
24\*, 25, 26, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, 32, **38,**  
**39, 40, 41\***

American fly honeysuckle  
(*Lonicera canadensis*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13\*, 19, 23\*, 24, **41\***

Swamp fly honeysuckle  
(*Lonicera oblongifolia*)  
3, 6\*, 8\*, 12\*, 13\*, 24\*

Huckleberry, maleberry  
(*Lyonia ligustrina*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 23\*, 24\*, 29

Bayberry  
(*Morella pensylvanica*,  
syn. *Myrica pensylvanica*)  
2\*, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14\*, 16, 20,  
21, 23, 24\*, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, **35, 37,**  
**38, 39, 40**

Sweet gale  
(*Myrica gale*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12, 13\*, 14\*, 16, 19\*,  
21\*, 23\*, 24\*, 29, **38, 39, 40, 41\***

Eastern ninebark  
(*Physocarpus opulifolius*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13, 14\*, 15,  
16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29,  
30, 32, **33, 35, 37, 39, 41\***

Beach plum  
(*Prunus maritima*)  
2\*, 3\*, 4, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 12\*, 13, 14\*, 16,  
21\*, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, **38,**  
**39, 40, 43**

Pussy willow  
(*Salix discolor*)  
2\*, 3, 6, 7, 8\*, 11, 12, 13, 14\*, 15,  
16\*, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,  
27, 29, 30, **37, 38, 39, 40**

Common elderberry  
(*Sambucus canadensis*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16\*, 22, 23, 24\*, 25, 27, 29, 30, **37,**  
**38, 39, 40**

Red elderberry  
(*Sambucus racemosa*)  
1, 3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 13\*, 14, 19\*,  
22, 24, 25, 29, **39, 41\***

Meadowsweet spiraea  
(*Spiraea alba*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12, 13, 16, 19\*, 21\*,  
23\*, 24, 27, 29, **38, 39, 40, 41\***

Steeplebush  
(*Spiraea tomentosa*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13, 14\*, 19\*,  
23\*, 24\*, 25, 27, 29, 30, **38, 39, 40**

Bladdernut  
(*Staphylea trifolia*)  
6\*, 7, 8\*, 13\*, 24\*

Canada yew  
(*Taxus canadensis*)  
3\*, 6\*, 7, 8\*, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 19\*, 21\*,  
23\*, 24\*, **35, 40, 41\***

Highbush blueberry  
(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
1, 2\*, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16,  
19, 20, 21, 23, 24\*, 25, 26, 29, 30,  
**37, 38, 39, 40**

Lowbush blueberry  
(*Vaccinium angustifolium*)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16,  
19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,



An asterisk (\*) indicates that the nursery may be able to special order the plant. **Bold** numbers indicate that the nursery sells exclusively to the wholesale trade.

# Native Perennials

The following is a list of perennials that have been identified as native to CT. **The numbers below each plant species identify which nurseries grow/sell that perennial. Business address, web, and contact details are listed on pgs. 12-14.**

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## Flowering Perennials

### Asters

White wood aster

(*Eurybia divaricata*)

7, 9, 13, 14+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25+, 27, 29<sup>^</sup>, **39**

Blue wood aster

(*Symphotrichum cordifolium*)

7, 13, 14+, 18, 19+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30+, **39+**

Calico aster

(*Symphotrichum lateriflorum*)

4<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 13<sup>^</sup>, 14+, 24<sup>^</sup>

Smooth aster

(*Symphotrichum laeve*)

4<sup>^</sup>, 7, 14+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27<sup>^</sup>, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30

New England aster

(*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)

5, 7, 13+, 14+, 18+, 19+, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25+, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32<sup>^</sup>, **36+**, **39+**

### Goldenrods

Silverrod goldenrod

(*Solidago bicolor*)

7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>, 27

Blue-stemmed goldenrod

(*Solidago caesia*)

7, 14, 20, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27, 30, **39**

Canada goldenrod

(*Solidago canadensis*)

9, 13+, 19+, 20, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 29+

Gray goldenrod

(*Solidago nemoralis*)

7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>

Rough goldenrod

(*Solidago rugosa*)

4<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 14+, 18, 20, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, **39<sup>^</sup>**

Seaside goldenrod

(*Solidago sempervirens*)

5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>, **39**

Showy goldenrod

(*Solidago speciosa*)

7, 13+, 14, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>

### Milkweeds

Butterfly milkweed

(*Asclepias tuberosa*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14+, 18, 19+, 20+, 23+, 24+, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29+, 30+, 32, **36, 39**

Swamp milkweed

(*Asclepias incarnata*)

4<sup>^</sup>, 5, 7, 13+, 14+, 18, 19+, 20+, 23+, 24+, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32, **39+**

Common milkweed

(*Asclepias syriaca*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14, 19<sup>^</sup>, 20, 23, 24+, 25, 27, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32, **39**

### Other Flowering Perennials

(sorted alphabetically by botanical name)

Yarrow

(*Achillea millefolium*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 4<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 13, 14+, 18+, 19+, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24+, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32<sup>^</sup>, **36+**, **39<sup>^</sup>**

Black cohosh

(*Actaea racemosa*)

5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13, 14+, 20+, 23+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27, 29+, **39+**

White snakeroot

(*Ageratina altissima*)

5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25+, 32

Pearly everlasting

(*Anaphalis margaritacea*)

7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>

Eastern red columbine

(*Aquilegia canadensis*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 4<sup>^</sup>, 5+, 7, 13, 14+, 18, 19+, 20+, 23+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29+, 30+, 32, **36+**, **39+**

Wild ginger

(*Asarum canadense*)

4+, 5, 7, 14, 18, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26, 27, 29+, 30, **39**

White turtlehead

(*Chelone glabra*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13, 14+, 19+, 20<sup>^</sup>, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26, 27, 29+, 30, 32, **39**

Yellow coneflower

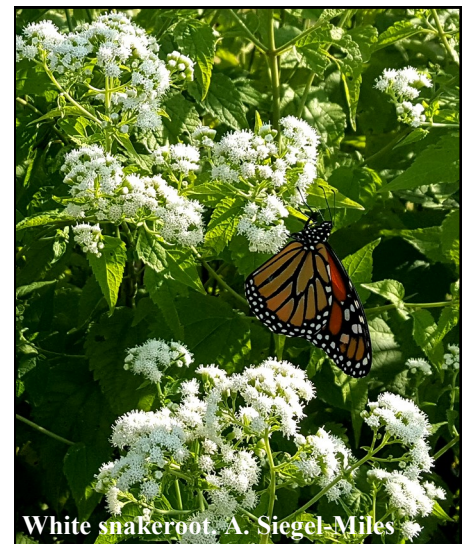
(*Echinacea paradoxa*)

2<sup>^</sup>, 4, 5+, 14, 18, 19+, 20+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, **36+**

America boneset

(*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

7, 14, 19+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, **39**



Joe Pye weed  
(*Eutrochium purpureum*)  
2<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 14+, 18<sup>^</sup>, 19+, 20+, 23+,  
24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30+, **39, 40**

Meadow strawberry  
(*Fragaria virginiana*)  
7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>, **39<sup>^</sup>**

Wild geranium  
(*Geranium maculatum*)  
2<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 14+, 18<sup>^</sup>, 19+, 20<sup>^</sup>, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>,  
26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30+, 32, **39**

Sneezeweed  
(*Helenium autumnale*)  
5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13, 14<sup>^</sup>, 18, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25+,  
26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30<sup>^</sup>, 36+, **39+**

Swamp mallow  
(*Hibiscus moscheutos*)  
5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9<sup>^</sup>, 13, 14, 18+, 19+, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>,  
24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27<sup>^</sup>, 29<sup>^</sup>, **39, 40<sup>^</sup>**

Cardinal flower  
(*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
2<sup>^</sup>, 4+, 5+, 7, 13+, 14+, 18, 19+, 20+,  
23+, 24+, 25+, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29+, 30, 32,  
**34, 36+, 39**

Wild lupine  
(*Lupinus perennis*)  
2<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 18, 19<sup>^</sup>, 20, 23+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27+,  
29+, **36+**

Canada mayflower  
(*Maianthemum canadense*)  
7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>

Wild bergamot  
(*Monarda fistulosa*)  
2<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 13+, 14+, 18, 20+, 23+,  
24<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29, 30, **39+**

Virginia creeper  
(*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)  
4<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26<sup>^</sup>, 29, 30, **39, 40**

Beard-tongue  
(*Penstemon digitalis*)  
5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 14+, 18, 19+, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24+,  
25+, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32<sup>^</sup>, **36+, 39+**

Mayapple  
(*Podophyllum peltatum*)  
5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 14+, 18, 19+, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26, **39**

Mountain mint  
(*Pycnanthemum muticum*)  
4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 18, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 30, **39**

Narrow-leaf mountain mint  
(*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*)  
4, 7, 13, 14, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30, **39**

Foamflower  
(*Tiarella cordifolia*)  
4<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 14+, 18<sup>^</sup>, 19+, 20+, 23+,  
24<sup>^</sup>, 25+, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30+, **36+, 39+**

Ohio spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia ohioensis*)  
2, 5<sup>^</sup>

Spiderwort  
(*Tradescantia virginiana*)  
2, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 9, 19+, 20+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25,  
26<sup>^</sup>, **39+**

Blue vervain  
(*Verbena hastata*)  
7, 13, 14+, 18, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 30<sup>^</sup>, **39+**

Culver's root  
(*Veronicastrum virginicum*)  
7, 13, 14+, 20, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27, 29+,  
30+, **39**

Birdfoot violet  
(*Viola pedata*)  
2, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>

New York ironweed  
(*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 14+, 19+, 23+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 27+,  
29+, 30, **39, 40**

Golden Alexanders  
(*Zizia aurea*)  
7, 13, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>, 27, **39**

## Ferns

Hay-scented fern  
(*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*)  
2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19+, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26,  
29+, 30, **39, 40**

Ostrich or fiddlehead fern  
(*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)  
2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 18, 19+, 20, 23, 24+, 25,  
26, 27, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32, **39, 40**

Sensitive fern  
(*Onoclea sensibilis*)  
7, 13, 14, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26, 29, 30, **39, 40**



Christmas Fern. J. Lubell-Brand

Christmas fern  
(*Polystichum acrostichoides*)  
2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19+, 20, 23, 24<sup>^</sup>,  
25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29, 30, 32, **39, 40**

## Grasses & Sedges

Big bluestem  
(*Andropogon gerardii*)  
4<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 27, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>,  
32<sup>^</sup>, **39+**

Fringed sedge  
(*Carex crinita*)  
2, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25+, 27, 29<sup>^</sup>, 30

Awl sedge  
(*Carex stipata*)  
2, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, **39**

Purple lovegrass  
(*Eragrostis spectabilis*)  
7, 13, 14, 23+, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26<sup>^</sup>, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32, **39**

Switchgrass  
(*Panicum virgatum*)  
2, 4<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13, 14<sup>^</sup>, 18, 20<sup>^</sup>, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24+,  
25+, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32<sup>^</sup>, **36+, 39+**

Little bluestem  
(*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
4<sup>^</sup>, 5<sup>^</sup>, 7, 13+, 14<sup>^</sup>, 18+, 19+, 20, 23<sup>^</sup>,  
24+, 25, 26<sup>^</sup>, 27+, 29+, 30<sup>^</sup>, 32+, **36+,  
39+, 40<sup>^</sup>**

Indian grass  
(*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
7, 14, 23<sup>^</sup>, 24<sup>^</sup>, 26<sup>^</sup>



Golden Alexanders. A. Siegel-Miles



Swamp milkweed. V. Wallace

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Highbush blueberry. P. Picone



Sweet gale. J. Lubell-Brand

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Monarch on butterfly weed. P. Picone



Cardinal flower. P. Picone

# Native Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife Food and Cover

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## Summer Foods for Wildlife

Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)  
Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
Pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)  
Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)  
Shadbush/serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

## Fall Foods for Wildlife

American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)  
American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)  
Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Hawthornes (*Crataegus* spp.)  
Hickories (*Carya* spp.)  
Nannyberry viburnum (*Viburnum lentago*)  
Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)  
Pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)  
Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)  
Walnuts (*Juglans* spp.)

## Winter Foods for Wildlife

American cranberry bush (*Viburnum trilobum*)  
American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)  
Common juniper (*Juniperus communis*)  
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Mapleleaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)  
Northern bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*)  
Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*)  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

## Winter Cover for Wildlife

American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Atlantic white cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)  
Black spruce (*Picea mariana*)  
Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)  
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Northern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)  
White pine (*Pinus strobus*)

## Spring Foods for Wildlife

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
Elms (*Ulmus* spp.)  
Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

## Trees and Shrubs for Butterflies

Blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.)  
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)  
Meadowsweet spiraea (*Spiraea alba*)  
Summersweet/sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)  
Pinxterbloom azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum*)  
Swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)



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## Butterfly Larvae Host Trees/Shrubs

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### Swallowtails (e.g., Spicebush Swallowtail)

Birch (*Betula* spp.)  
Cherry (*Prunus* spp.)  
Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)  
Poplar (*Populus* spp.)  
Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)  
Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)  
Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)  
Willow (*Salix* spp.)

### Hairstreaks (e.g., Coral, Acadian, Hickory)

American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Atlantic white cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)  
Azalea (*Rhododendron* spp.)  
Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)  
Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)  
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Black willow (*Salix nigra*)  
Blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.)  
Choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)  
Hawthornes (*Crataegus* spp.)  
Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*)  
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)  
Pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*)  
Plum (*Prunus americana*)  
Pussy willow (*Salix discolor*)  
Rose (*Rosa* spp.)  
Shadbush/serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)  
White pine (*Pinus strobus*)

### Blues (e.g., Spring Azure, Summer Azure)

Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.)  
Cherry (*Prunus* spp.)  
Dogwood (*Cornus* spp.)  
Maple-leaved viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)  
Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)  
Summersweet/sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)  
Viburnums (*Viburnum* spp.)



**Anglewings** (e.g., Question Mark, Eastern Comma, Mourning Cloak, Painted Lady, Red Admiral)  
Alder (*Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*)  
Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.)  
Birch (*Betula* spp.)  
Elms (*Ulmus* spp.)  
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Poplar (*Populus* spp.)  
Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)  
Willows (*Salix* spp.)

**Admirals** (e.g., Red-spotted Purple, Viceroy)  
Alder (*Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*)  
American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)  
Birch (*Betula* spp.)  
Cherry (*Prunus* spp.)  
Elms (*Ulmus* spp.)  
Paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)  
Poplar (*Populus* spp.)  
Willows (*Salix* spp.)

## Trees and Shrubs for Bumble Bees

Source: [The Connecticut Bumble Bee Guide](#). Tracy Zarrillo, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

### Early Season Plants for Queen Bumble Bees

American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Black willow (*Salix nigra*)  
Beach plum (*Prunus maritima*)  
Dogwood (*Cornus* spp.)  
Lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)  
Pussy willow (*Salix discolor*)  
Rhododendron (*Rhododendron* spp.)  
Swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*)  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

### Later Season Plants for Bumble Bee Workers

Meadowsweet spiraea (*Spiraea alba*)  
Mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)  
Shrubby St. John's wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)  
Summersweet/sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)  
Virginia rose (*Rosa virginiana*)

## Bird Seasonal Wildlife Food Sources

### Backyard Songbirds

(e.g., Robin, Catbird, Cardinal, Chickadee, Oriole)

#### Summer foods:

Blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.)  
Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)  
Shadbush/serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

#### Fall foods:

Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
Nannyberry viburnum (*Viburnum lentago*)  
Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)

#### Winter /spring migration foods:

American cranberry bush (*Viburnum trilobum*)  
American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Northern bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*)  
Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*)  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

#### Winter cover:

Black spruce (*Picea mariana*)  
Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)  
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Northern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)  
White pine (*Pinus strobus*)

#### Interior Forest Songbirds

(e.g., Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager)

#### Summer foods:

Blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.)  
Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)  
Shadbush/serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

#### Fall foods:

Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Common elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)  
Nannyberry viburnum (*Viburnum lentago*)  
Silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)

#### Spring migration foods:

American cranberry bush (*Viburnum trilobum*)  
American holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Northern bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*)  
Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*)  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

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

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.

## Connecticut's State Tree: White/Charter oak (*Quercus alba*)

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



Eastern red-cedar. P. Picon



Summersweet. J. Lubell-Brand



# Native Perennials for Wildlife Food and Cover



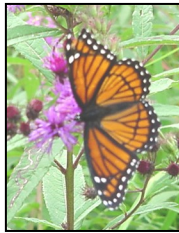
## Butterfly Nectar Sources

### Spring:

Wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

### Summer:

Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*)  
Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)  
Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)  
Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.)  
Milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.)  
Mountain mints (*Pycnanthemum* spp.)  
Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)  
Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)



Viceroy on ironweed.  
P. Picone

### Fall:

Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
Mountain mints (*Pycnanthemum* spp.)  
Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)  
White wood aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)

## Butterfly Larvae Host Perennials

For more details, see [Life Histories of Connecticut Butterflies](#)

### Anglewings (e.g., American Lady, Painted Lady)

Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)  
Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Blues (e.g., Eastern Tailed - Blue, Appalachian Azure)

Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*)  
Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Checkerspots (e.g., Pearl Crescent)

Asters (*Symphotrichum* spp.)  
White turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)

### Fritillaries

Violets (*Viola* spp.)

### Grass Skippers (e.g., Least Skippers, Delaware Skipper)

Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)  
Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
Purple lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)  
Sedges (*Carex* spp.)  
Switchgrass (*Panicum* spp.)

### Hairstreaks (e.g., Frosted Elfin)

Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Monarchs

Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)  
Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

### Orange Sulphurs

Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Satyrs (e.g., Little Wood-Satyr, Common Wood Nymph)

Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

### Spread-Wing Skippers (e.g., Columbine Duskywing, Wild

Indigo Duskywing)  
Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)  
Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Swallowtails

Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)



Swallowtail caterpillar.  
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## Perennials for Bees

### Early Season (e.g., for Queen Bumble Bees)

Beard-tongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)  
Birdfoot violet (*Viola pedata*)  
Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)  
Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)  
Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*, *T. ohiensis*) (May-July)  
Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)  
Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)  
Wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

### Mid-Season

Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*)  
Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*)  
Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)  
Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)  
Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)  
Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)



Goldenrod.  
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### Later Season (e.g., for Bumble Bee Workers)

Asters (*Symphotrichum* spp.)  
Gray goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*)  
Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.)  
Joe Pye weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*)  
Mountainmint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)  
Narrowleaf mountainmint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*)  
New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
Showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)  
Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)  
White turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)  
Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)

## Beneficial Perennials for Birds

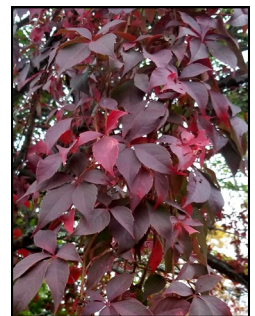
Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*) (berries)  
Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*) (seeds)  
Canada mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*) (berries)  
Joe Pye weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*) (shelter)  
Milkweeds (*Asclepias* spp.) (seeds, insect source)  
Narrowleaf mountainmint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*)  
Wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) (fruit)  
Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) (seeds)

### Hummingbirds

Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
Beard-tongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)  
Eastern red columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)  
New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)  
Swamp mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)  
Wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)

### Winter Food Sources for Birds

Asters (*Symphotrichum* spp. & *Eurybia* spp.)  
Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)  
Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.)  
Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
Purple lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)  
Switchgrass (*Panicum virginicum*)  
Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)  
Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)  
Yellow coneflower (*Echinacea paradoxa*)



Virginia creeper.  
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# Bloom Time and Pollinators

## Supported by CT Native Perennials



Bees =

Birds =

Butterflies/moths =

Botanical Name	Common Name	Flowering Time									Pollinators supported	
		March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Octob.	Nov.		
<i>Viola pedata</i>	birdfoot violet	March-May lilac, purple										
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	wild geranium	March-July pink-lavender										
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	meadow strawberry		April-May white									
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	wild ginger		April-May red-brown									
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Eastern red columbine		April-June white, red, pink									
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	mayapple		April-June white									
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	beard-tongue		April-June white									
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow		April-September white									
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	foamflower		May pink-white									
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada mayflower		May-June white									
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	golden Alexanders		May-June yellow									
<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	wild lupine		May-June Blue-purple									
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Ohio spiderwort		May-July blue									
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	spiderwort		May-July Blue-violet									
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper		May-August white									
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root		May-August white									
<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	black cohosh			June-July white								
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	butterfly milkweed			June-August orange								
<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i>	yellow coneflower			June-August yellow								
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	common milkweed			June-August white, pink								
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot			June-September Pale purple-pink								
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	narrow-leaf mountain mint			June-September white, pink								
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	pearly everlasting			June-October white								
<i>Solidago bicolor</i>	silverrod goldenrod				July-October yellow							
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed				July-August white, pink							

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Botanical Name	Common Name	Flowering Time									Pollinators supported
		March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Octob.	Nove.	
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	American boneset					July-September white					
<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Joe Pye weed					July-September mauve pink					
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	blue vervain					July-September purplish-blue					
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	swamp mallow					July-September white-pink					
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	cardinal flower					July-September red					
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	mountainmint					July-September white-pink					
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	showy goldenrod					July-September yellow					
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster					Aug.-Sept. purple-blue					
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York ironweed					Aug.-Sept. purple					
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	white turtlehead					August-October white w/pink tinge					
<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	seaside goldenrod					August-October yellow					
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	white wood aster					August-October white					
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	sneezeweed					August-October yellow					
<i>Solidago caesia</i>	blue-stemmed goldenrod					August-October yellow					
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod					August-October yellow					
<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	gray goldenrod					August-November yellow					
<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	blue wood aster					Sept.-October blue					
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	smooth aster					Sept.-October violet-blue					
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i>	calico aster					Sept.-October white					
<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	rough goldenrod					Sept.-October yellow					
<i>Ageratina altissima</i>	white snakeroot					September-frost white					

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