



# UConn Home & Garden Education Center



## Trees and Shrubs: Suggested Native Species for Pollinators

There are many trees species that are as important to pollinating insects, birds, and animals as annual, perennial, and vegetable plants. Not only do these trees provide pollen or nectar they are also sources of habitats for roosting, nesting, and protection. Select native plant species whenever possible to support native pollinators. Select species that will flower at different times throughout the season, giving pollinators a continuous food source. Some suggestions have flowers that are not showy to humans but are loved by pollinators.

### Trees

Common name/ Botanical name	Height	Flowering Time	Flower Color	Sun/Shade
American Mountain Ash/ <i>Sorbus Americana</i>	to 30'	June-July	White	Sun/part shade
American Witchhazel/ <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	12-15'	Sept.-Nov.	Yellow	Sun/Shade
Blackgum/Tupelo/ <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	60-80'	May-June	Yellowish green	Sun/part shade
Chokecherry/ <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	16'	May-June	White	Sun/part shade
Crabapple/ <i>Malus sp.</i>	12-40'	April-May	Pink/white	Sun
Eastern Redbud/ <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	20-30'	May-June	Magenta	Sun/part shade
Flowering Dogwood/ <i>Cornus florida</i>	30'	mid-May	Yellowish green	Sun/part shade
Maple/ <i>Acer sp.</i>	to 75'	April	Yellowish green	Sun
Roundleaf Dogwood/ <i>Cornus rugosa</i>	12'	June	White	Sun/part shade
Serviceberry/ <i>Amelanchier sp.</i>	6-20'	late March	White	Sun
Staghorn Sumac/ <i>Rhus typhina</i>	15-25'	June	Greenish yellow	Sun/part shade
Tulip Tree/ <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	70-90'	late-May to mid-June	Yellow green	Sun

## Shrubs

Common name/Botanical name	Height	Flowering Time	Flower Color	Sun/Shade
American pussy willow/ <i>Salix discolor</i>	to 20'	March-April	Yellow/green	Sun/shade
Arrowwood viburnum/ <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	5-9'	May to early-June	Creamy white	Sun/part shade
Black Chokeberry/ <i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>	4-6'	May-June	White	Sun/part shade
Bush Honeysuckle/ <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	1/2-3'	June-July	Yellow	Sun/shade
Buttonbush/ <i>Cephalanthus Occidentalis</i>	3-6'	June, July, August	Creamy white	Sun/part shade
Catberry/ <i>Ilex mucronata</i>	6-8'	June-July	Inconspicuous/ white	Sun/part shade
Cinquefoil/ <i>Dasiphora fruticose</i>	3-4'	May-June	Yellow	Sun/part shade
Common ninebark/ <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	6-10'	May-June	Whitish pink	Sun/part shade
Common snowberry/ <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	3-4'	June-July	Pink	Sun/part shade
Eastern Teaberry/ <i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	4-8'	May-June	Pink	Sun/part shade
Highbush blueberry/ <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	7-9'	June-July	White	Sun/part shade
Kinnikinnick/ <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	2-6'	May-June	Purple-blue	Sun/part shade
Leatherleaf/ <i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	1-3'	May-July	White	Sun/part shade
Mapleleaf viburnum/ <i>Viburnum acerfolium</i>	4-5'	May-June	White	Sun/part shade
New Jersey Tea/ <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	1-3'	June-August	White	Sun/part shade
Pinxterbloom azalea/ <i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	4-6'	late May	Pale pink	Sun/part shade
Rhodora/ <i>Rhododendron canadense</i>	3-4'	June-July	Rose pink	Sun/part shade
Serviceberry/ <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	6-20'	late March	White	Sun
Swamp azalea/ <i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	5'	June	White to pale pink	Part shade
Sweet pepperbush/ <i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	5-8'	July & August	White	Sun/part shade
Trailing Arbutus/ <i>Epigaea repens</i>	1-3'	May-July	White to pink	Sun/part shade
Virginia rose/ <i>Rosa virginiana</i>	4-6'	June-July	Rose pink	Sun
White mountainsweet/ <i>Spirea alba</i>	3-6'	June-Sept.	White to pink	Sun
Winterberry/ <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	6-10'	June-July	White	Sun/shade

Despite good cultural practices, pests and diseases at times may appear. Chemical control should be used only after all other methods have failed. For pesticide information please call UConn Home and Garden Education Center weekdays, in Connecticut call toll free 877-486-6271. Out of state call 860-486-6271. UConn Home and Garden Education Center, 2017

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