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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 or shrubs 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).

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 trees and shrubs 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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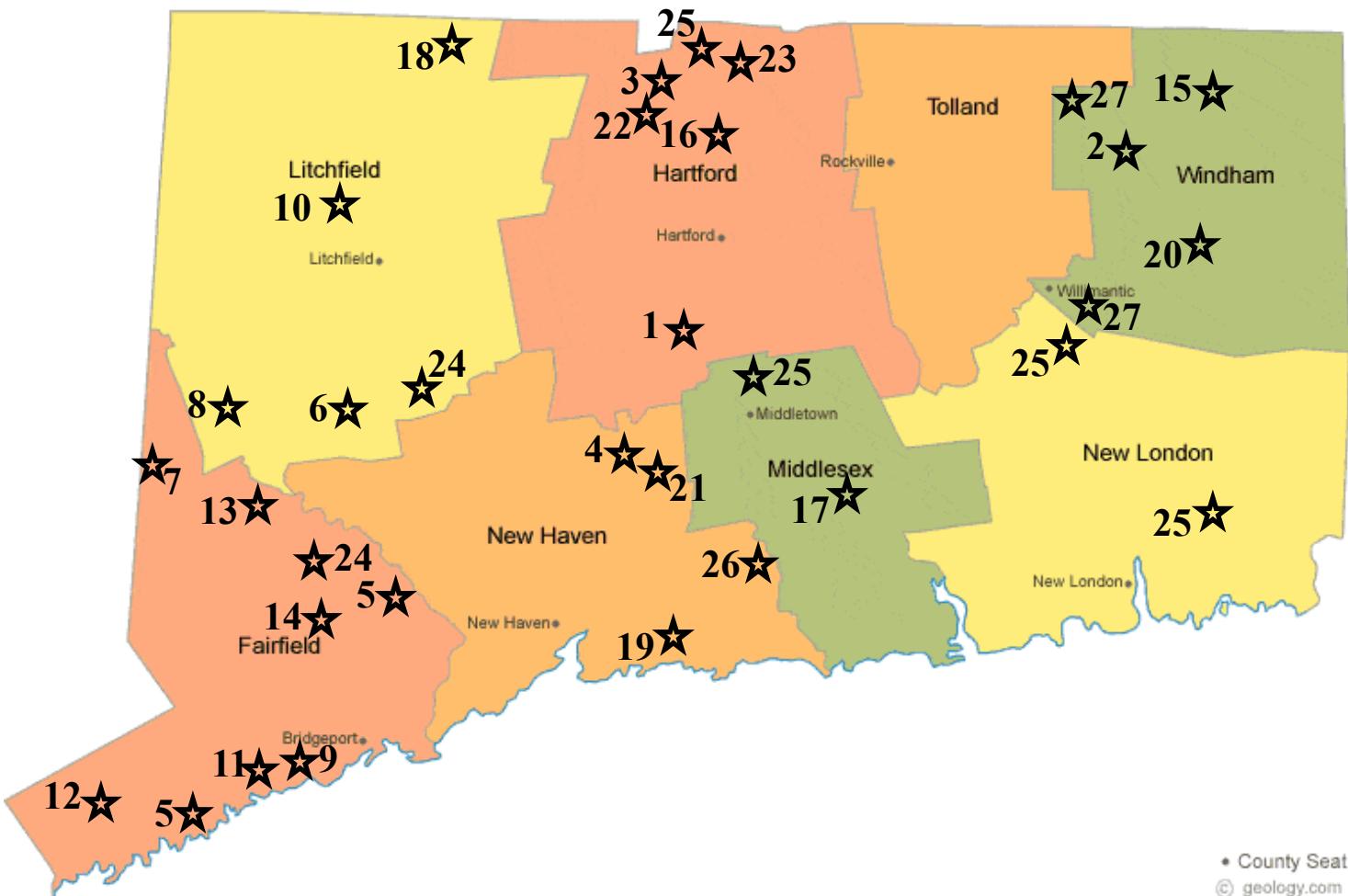
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Map of Participating Nurseries

Starred locations are approximations. Not to scale. County map source: geology.com



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Nurseries

Additional business information about each nursery can be found on pages 9-10. Thank you to all the nurseries that contributed the plant lists used to develop this document.

RETAIL

1. Al's Landscaping & Nursery
2. Ashford Garden Center
3. Bosco's Garden Center
4. Broken Arrow Nursery
5. Courville Nursery (BOTH WHOLESALE AND RETAIL) (2 locations)
6. Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery (BOTH WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)
7. Locust Glen Garden Center
8. Meadowbrook Gardens
9. NATIVE LLC
10. Northern Farm & Flowers
11. Oliver Nurseries
12. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses
13. Shakespeare's Garden
14. Spring Pond Nursery

15. Sprucedale Gardens Nursery
16. The Green Machine
17. Town & Country Nurseries
18. Wild River Farm (BOTH WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)
19. Van Wilgen's Garden Center

WHOLESALE

20. Canterbury Horticulture
21. Kogut Nursery
22. Monrovia
23. Northern Nurseries
24. Planters' Choice Nursery (2 locations)
25. Prides Corner Farm (4 locations)
26. Summer Hill Nursery, Inc.
27. Willi Wamp (2 locations)

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 tree or shrub. Business address, web, and contact details are listed on pg 9-10.**

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*)
4, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14*, 18, 24, 25,
26

Eastern red-cedar
(*Juniperus virginiana*)
1*, 3, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 17,
18, 19, **23, 24, 25, 26, 27***

Northern white cedar
(*Thuja occidentalis*)
1*, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18,
20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26

Pines

Red pine
(*Pinus resinosa*)
5*, 6, 7*, 9*, 13*

Pitch pine
(*Pinus rigida*)
5, 6, 9*, 11, 13*, 18, **26**

Eastern white pine
(*Pinus strobus*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11*, 12, 13,
16, 17, 18, 19, **21, 23, 24, 25, 26**

Spruces

Black spruce
(*Picea mariana*)
5*, 6, 7*, 9*, 11*, 13*, 16*, 17, 18, **25***,
26

Red spruce
(*Picea rubens*)
5*, 7*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13*, 18, **25***



Eastern hemlock
(*Tsuga canadensis*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 7*, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19,
23, 25, 26

Deciduous Trees

Ashes

White ash
(*Fraxinus americana*)
5*, 9*, 11*

Black ash
(*Fraxinus nigra*)
5*, 9*

Green ash
(*Fraxinus pensylvanica*)
5*, 9*, 11*, **27***

Birches

Black birch, Sweet birch
(*Betula lenta*)
4*, 5*, 6, 7*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 19, **24**

Paper birch
(*Betula papyrifera*)
4, 5, 6*, 7, 8*, 9, 11*, 13, 17, 19, **22, 23, 24, 26**

Gray birch
(*Betula populifolia*)
5, 6, 8*, 9*, 11, 13, **24, 25**

Cherries/Plums

Allegheny plum
(*Prunus alleghaniensis*)
5*, 7*, 9*, **27***

American plum
(*Prunus americana*)
5*, 6*, 9*

Pin cherry
(*Prunus pensylvanica*)
5*, 6, 7*, 9*

Black cherry
(*Prunus serotina*)
5*, 6, 7*, 9*, 11*, **25**

Choke cherry
(*Prunus virginiana*)
2, 6, 7*, 9*, 11, 13*, **24, 25**

Chestnuts

American chestnut
(*Castanea dentata*)
5*, 7*, 9*, 11*, 13, 19, **24, 27**

American chestnut hybrid-cross
(*Castanea spp.*)
5*, 9*, 11*, **24, 27**

Cottonwoods/Aspens

Eastern cottonwood
(*Populus deltoides*)
3, 5*, 9, 13*

Bigtooth aspen
(*Populus grandidentata*)
5*, 9*, 11*

Swamp cottonwood
(*Populus heterophylla*)
5*, 9*

Quaking aspen
(*Populus tremuloides*)
5, 9, 11*, 19, **27***

Hawthornes

Round-leaved hawthorne
(*Crataegus chrysocarpa*)
5*, 7*, 9*

Cockspur hawthorne
(*Crataegus crus-galli*)
5*, 9, 13, 19

Frosted hawthorne
(*Crataegus pruinosa*)
5*, 9*

Dotted hawthorne
(*Crataegus punctata*)
5*, 9*

Fleshy hawthorne
(*Crataegus succulenta*)
5*, 9*, **27**

Hickories

Bitternut hickory
(*Carya cordiformis*)
5*, 6*, 9*, **27***

Pignut hickory
(*Carya glabra*)
5*, 6, 7, 9*, **27***

Shagbark hickory
(*Carya ovata*)
5*, 6, 8, 9*, 11, 13*, 19, **24, 25, 27***

Mockernut hickory
(*Carya tomentosa*)
5*, 9*, **27***



Maples

Boxelder

(*Acer negundo*)

3, 5*, 6, 7*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13*, 27*

Black maple

(*Acer nigrum*)

5*, 7*, 8*, 9*, 13*

Red maple

(*Acer rubrum*)

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16*, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Silver maple

(*Acer saccharinum*)

4*, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 11*, 13*

Sugar maple

(*Acer saccharum*)

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9*, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27*

Mountain maple

(*Acer spicatum*)

5*, 6, 9*, 11*

Striped maple

(*Acer pensylvanicum*)

3, 5*, 6, 7*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13, 19, 24

Oaks

White oak

(*Quercus alba*)

1*, 4*, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, 23, 24, 25

Swamp white oak

(*Quercus bicolor*)

4*, 5, 6, 7*, 8*, 9, 11, 13, 19, 23, 24, 25

Scarlet oak

(*Quercus coccinea*)

1*, 5*, 6, 7*, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, 23, 24

Chinkapin oak

(*Quercus muehlenbergii*)

5*, 7*, 9*, 11, 25

Chestnut oak
(*Quercus prinus*)
5*, 6*, 7*, 9*, 11, 24, 25

Northern red oak
(*Quercus rubra*)
1*, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 7*, 8*, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 17, 21, 24

Post oak
(*Quercus stellata*)
5*, 7*, 9*

Black oak
(*Quercus velutina*)
5*, 8*, 9*, 25, 27*

Serviceberries

Downy serviceberry
(*Amelanchier arborea*)
5, 7*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13*, 21, 25

Shadbush/serviceberry
(*Amelanchier canadensis*)
1*, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27*

Allegheny serviceberry
(*Amelanchier laevis*)
4, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9*, 11, 13, 14*, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27*

Walnuts

Butternut walnut
(*Juglans cinerea*)
5*, 9*, 25, 27*

Black walnut
(*Juglans nigra*)
5*, 6, 7, 9, 13, 19, 24, 25

Other Deciduous Trees

(sorted alphabetically by botanical name)

American hornbeam
(*Carpinus caroliniana*)
1*, 3, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9*, 11, 13*, 17, 24, 25

Hackberry
(*Celtis occidentalis*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9, 11, 13*, 23, 24, 25, 27*

Redbud
(*Cercis canadensis*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16*, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27*

Alternate-leaf dogwood
(*Cornus alternifolia*)
1*, 3, 4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14*, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26

Flowering dogwood
(*Cornus florida*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27*

Common persimmon
(*Diospyros virginiana*)
1*, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13*, 19, 24, 25

American beech
(*Fagus grandifolia*)
4*, 5, 8, 9*, 11*, 13*, 17, 22, 23, 24, 27*

American holly
(*Ilex opaca*)
1*, 3, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9*, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, 26

Sweetgum
(*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
1, 3, 4*, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14*, 16*, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26

Tulip tree (yellow poplar)
(*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
1*, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14*, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27*

Red mulberry
(*Morus rubra*)
1*, 3, 5*, 6*, 9*, 13*, 25

Black gum (tupelo)
(*Nyssa sylvatica*)
1*, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 16*, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26

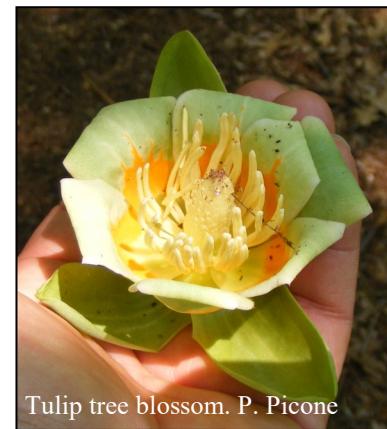
Eastern hop hornbeam
(*Ostrya virginiana*)
5, 6, 8*, 9*, 11, 13*, 19, 24, 25, 27*

American sycamore
(*Platanus occidentalis*)
5*, 6, 8, 9*, 11, 13*, 16*, 17, 24, 26

Black willow
(*Salix nigra*)
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9*, 10, 25

Sassafras
(*Sassafras albidum*)
1*, 3, 5*, 6, 9*, 11*, 13*, 19, 24

American mountain-ash
(*Sorbus americana*)
1*, 4*, 5*, 6, 7*, 9*, 11*, 24, 25, 26



American basswood
(*Tilia americana*)
5*, 6*, 9, 11, 12, 13*, 24, 25

Slippery elm
(*Ulmus rubra*)
5*, 7*, 8, 9, 16*, 24

Native Shrubs

Azaleas/Rhododendrons

Rosebay
(*Rhododendron maximum*)
1*, 4*, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 17,
19, 22, 23, 24, 26

Pinxter bloom azalea
(*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)
3, 4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, 24, 25,
26

Swamp azalea
(*Rhododendron viscosum*)
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19,
23, 24, 25, 26

Dogwoods

Silky dogwood
(*Cornus amomum*)
1*, 4*, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 13*, 19, 24,
25, 26

Panicle/gray dogwood
(*Cornus racemosa*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9*, 11, 13*, 21, 23, 24, 26

Red-osier dogwood
(*Cornus sericea*)
1*, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

Roundleaf dogwood
(*Cornus rugosa*)
4*, 5*, 8*, 9*, 25

Hollies

Inkberry holly
(*Ilex glabra*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16,
17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26



Shining sumac. J. Lubell-Brand

Winterberry
(*Ilex verticillata*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26

Honeysuckles

American fly honeysuckle
(*Lonicera canadensis*)
5*, 6, 8, 9*

Swamp fly honeysuckle
(*Lonicera oblongifolia*)
4, 5*, 8*, 9*

Laurels

Sheep laurel, lambkill
(*Kalmia angustifolia*)
3, 4, 5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 11, 13*, 14*, 19, 24,
25, 26

Mountain laurel
(*Kalmia latifolia*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26

Bog laurel
(*Kalmia polifolia*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 11, 14*, 25

Roses

Virginia rose
(*Rosa virginiana*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8*, 9, 11*, 13*, 14*, 19, 23,
24, 25, 26, 27*

Swamp rose
(*Rosa palustris*)
5*, 6, 9, 13*, 17*, 19, 23, 24, 25

Pasture rose
(*Rosa carolina*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9, 13*, 25, 26

Sumacs

Fragrant/aromatic sumac
(*Rhus aromatica*)
3, 4*, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11*, 13*, 16*, 21, 23,
24, 26

Shining/winged sumac
(*Rhus copallina*)
3, 5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 13*, 19, 24, 25

Smooth sumac
(*Rhus glabra*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 13*, 19, 25

Staghorn sumac
(*Rhus typhina*)
3, 4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 19, 24

Viburnums

Mapleleaf viburnum
(*Viburnum acerifolium*)
3, 4*, 5*, 6, 7*, 8*, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13*,
14*, 19, 24, 26, 27



Pinxter bloom azalea. P. Picone.

Hobblebush
(*Viburnum alnifolium*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 13*, 25, 27

Witherod, wild raisin
(*Viburnum cassinoides*)
5*, 6, 8, 9*, 11, 13*, 14*, 19, 24, 25, 26

Arrowwood
(*Viburnum dentatum*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 15,
17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

Nannyberry
(*Viburnum lentago*)
1*, 5*, 6, 7, 8*, 9, 11, 13*, 14*, 15, 19,
24, 25

American cranberry bush
(*Viburnum trilobum*)
4, 5, 6, 7, 8*, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16*,
19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26

More Native Shrubs

(sorted alphabetically by botanical name)

Speckled alder
(*Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*)
2, 5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 11, 13*, 24, 25

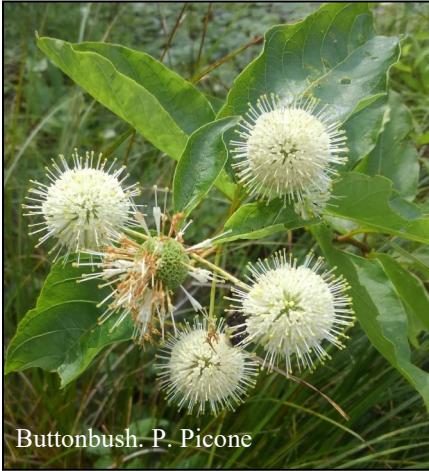
Bearberry, kinnickinnick
(*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 9, 11*, 12, 13, 14,
16*, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Red chokeberry
(*Aronia arbutifolia*)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17*,
19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26

Black chokeberry
(*Aronia melanocarpa*)
3, 4*, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23,
24, 25, 26

New Jersey tea
(*Ceanothus americanus*)
3, 4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13*, 19, 24, 25

Leatherleaf
(*Chamaedaphne calyculata*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13*, 19, 24, 25, 26



Buttonbush. P. Picone

Buttonbush
(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
2, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17*, 19, **20**,
24, 26

Summersweet or sweet pepperbush
(*Clethra alnifolia*)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16,
17, 19, **20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26**

Sweet fern
(*Comptonia peregrina*)
3, 4, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14*, 16*, 19, **20**,
23, 24, 26

American hazelnut
(*Corylus americana*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9, 11*, 13*, 19, **24, 27***

Beaked filbert
(*Corylus cornuta*)
5*, 6, 8*, 9*, 11*, **24*, 26**

Shrubby cinquefoil
(*Dasiphora fruticosa*,
syn. *Potentilla fruticosa*)
1, 5*, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, **20, 21**,
23, 24, 25, 26

Northern bush honeysuckle
(*Diervilla lonicera*)
2, 4, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 16*, 17,
19, **20, 24, 26**

Black huckleberry
(*Gaylussacia baccata*)
5*, 6, 8, 9, 11*, 13*, **20, 24, 25, 26**

Witch-hazel
(*Hamamelis virginiana*)
1*, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16*, 17*, 19, **23, 24, 26**

Shrubby St. John's wort
(*Hypericum prolificum*)
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 11*, 13*, 16*, 17, 19,
22, 25

Leatherwood
(*Dirca palustris*)
3, 5*, 8*, 9*, 11*, 13*, **25, 26**

Common juniper
(*Juniperus communis*)
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13*, 14, 16*,
17, 18, **22, 24, 25, 26**

Creeping juniper
(*Juniperus horizontalis*)
1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17,
18, 19, **20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26**

Labrador tea
(*Ledum groenlandicum*)
5*, 6*, 8*, 9*, 11*, **25, 26**

Spicebush
(*Lindera benzoin*)
1, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14*, 16*, 17,
19, **24, 26**

Huckleberry, maleberry
(*Lyonia ligustrina*)
5*, 6, 9*, 19, **25**

Bayberry
(*Morella pensylvanica*,
syn. *Myrica pensylvanica*)
1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, **22**,
23, 24, 25, 26

Sweet gale
(*Myrica gale*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13*, 14*, 19, **24**,
26

Eastern ninebark
(*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19,
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

Beach plum
(*Prunus maritima*)
3, 4*, 5*, 6, 8*, 9, 11, 13, 14*, 19, **24**,
25, 26

Pussy willow
(*Salix discolor*)
1*, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11*, 12, 13, 14,
15, 19, **23, 24, 25, 26**

Common elderberry
(*Sambucus canadensis*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11*, 13, 15, 17, 19,
23, 24, 26

Red elderberry
(*Sambucus racemosa*)
2, 4*, 5*, 6, 9*, 15, **20, 24, 25**

Meadowsweet spiraea
(*Spiraea alba*)
5*, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13*, 14*, **24, 25, 26**

Steeplebush
(*Spiraea tomentosa*)
4*, 5*, 6, 8*, 9, 13*, 19, **24, 26**

Bladdernut
(*Staphylea trifolia*)
5*, 6, 9*, **25**

Canada yew
(*Taxus canadensis*)
4*, 5*, 6, 7*, 8*, 9*, 13*, 14*, **22, 26**

Highbush blueberry
(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
1*, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14,
16, 17, 19, **21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26**

Lowbush blueberry
(*Vaccinium angustifolium*)
1*, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, **23**,
24, 25, 26



Bush honeysuckle. A. Siegel-Miles



Steeplebush. J. Lubell-Brand

Connecticut Growers of Native Trees and Shrubs

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- 1. Al's Landscaping & Nursery**
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- 2. Ashford Garden Center**
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Phone: (860) 429-0854
Email: ashfordgardencenter@gmail.com
Website: ashfordgardencenterct.com
Facebook: [Ashford Garden Center LLC](#)
Twitter: [@CtrGarden](#)
- 3. Bosco's Garden Center**
1376 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070
Phone: (860) 658-2428
Email: boscogardenctr@sbcglobal.net
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- 4. Broken Arrow Nursery**
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- 5. Courville Nursery (WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)**
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Location #2: 163 Barn Hill Rd., Monroe, CT 06468
Phone: (203) 846-9775
Email: richcourville@gmail.com
Website: courvillenursery.com
Facebook: [Courville Nurseries](#)
- 6. Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery (WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)**
212 Grassy Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798
Phone: (203) 263-6626
Email: EarthTones_Info@pm.me
Website: earthtonesnatives.com
Facebook: [Earth Tones Native Plants](#)
Instagram: [@earthtonesnativeplantnursery](#)
- 7. Locust Glen Garden Center**
181 Rt. 37, New Fairfield, CT 06812
Phone: (203) 746-2506
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- 8. Meadowbrook Gardens**
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- 9. NATIVE LLC**
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Phone: (203) 658-7475
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Website: anativeplantnursery.com
Facebook: [A Native Plant Nursery](#)
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- 10. Northern Farm & Flowers**
59 Old Middle St., Goshen, CT 06756
Phone: (860) 307-0965
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Website: northerncfarm.com
Facebook: [Northern Farm & Flowers](#)
Instagram: [@northerncfarm](#)
- 11. Oliver Nurseries**
1159 Bronson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824
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- 12. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses**
437 North St., Greenwich, CT 06830
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Website: sambridge.com
Facebook: [Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, LLC](#)
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- 13. Shakespeare's Garden**
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Phone: (203) 775-2215
Email: office@shakespearesgarden.net
Website: shakespearesgarden.net
Facebook: [Shakespeare's Garden](#)
Instagram: [@shakespearesgardenct](#)
- 14. Spring Pond Nursery**
20 Fawn Drive, Granby, CT 06035
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Email: tsalvinto@gmail.com
- 15. Sprucedale Gardens Nursery**
20 E Quasset Rd. Woodstock, CT 06281-3310
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- 16. The Green Machine**
1353 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002
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Email: jess@greenmachinect.com
Website: greenmachinect.com
- 17. Town & Country Nurseries**
1036 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT 06438
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Website: townandcountryhaddam.com
Facebook: [Town & Country Nurseries](#)

18. Wild River Farm (WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)

199 Sandy Brook Rd., Colebrook, CT 06021
Phone: (860) 379-5559
Email: harry15@mindspring.com
Website: wild-river-farm.com

- 19. Van Wilgen's Garden Center**
51 Valley Rd., North Branford, CT 06471
Phone: (203) 488-2110
Website: vanwilgens.com
Facebook: [Van Wilgen's Garden Center](https://www.facebook.com/VanWilgen'sGardenCenter)
YouTube: [youtube.com/user/VanWilgens](https://www.youtube.com/user/VanWilgens)

WHOLESALE

20. Canterbury Horticulture

351 Brooklyn Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
Phone: (866) 287-0893
Email: sales@canterburyhorticulture.com
Website: canterburyhorticulture.com/
Facebook: [Canterbury Horticulture](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyHorticulture)

21. Kogut Nursery

625 Yale Ave., Meriden, CT 06450
Phone: (203) 686-0252
Email: info@kogutnursery.com
Website: kogutnursery.com

22. Monrovia

41 Floydville Rd., Granby, CT 06035
Email: consumercare@monrovia.com
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Facebook: [Monrovia Plants](https://www.facebook.com/MonroviaPlants)
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Twitter: [@monroviaplants](https://www.twitter.com/@monroviaplants)
Youtube: [Monrovia Plants](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMzXWzJLcOOGQDfCwvIjg)
Note: Retail purchase available at monrovia.com

23. Northern Nurseries

1320 Mountain Rd., West Suffield, CT 06093
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Website: northernnurseries.com
Facebook: [Northern Nurseries - West Suffield, CT](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernNurseriesWestSuffieldCT)
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24. Planters' Choice Nursery

Location #1: 140 Huntingtown Rd., Newtown, CT 06470
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Phone: (860) 945-6588
Email: info@planterschoice.com
Website: planterschoice.com
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Twitter: [@planterschoice](https://www.twitter.com/@planterschoice)

25. Prides Corner Farm

Location #1: 122 Waterman Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
Location #2: 691 Shewville Rd., Ledyard, CT 06339
Location #3: 1700 Mountain Rd. West Suffield, CT 06093
Location #4: 600 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416
Phone: (860) 336-6027
Email: wholesale@pridescorner.com or connect@pridescorner.com
Website: pridescorner.com
Facebook: [Prides Corner Farm](https://www.facebook.com/PridesCornerFarm)
Instagram: [@pridescorner](https://www.instagram.com/@pridescorner)

26. Summer Hill Nursery, Inc.

888 Summer Hill Rd., Madison, CT 06443
Phone: (203) 421-3055
Email: Summerhillnur@aol.com
Website: summerhillnursery.com

27. Willi Wamp

Location #1: 108 Jordan Rd., Willimantic, CT 06226
Location #2: 40 Frontage Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
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BOTH WHOLESALE AND RETAIL (see retail list details):

Courville Nursery (#5)
Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery (#6)
Wild River Farm / H. White (#18)



Native Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife Food and Cover

Sources:

[Native Plants for Wildlife](#). Peter M. Picone. cipwg.uconn.edu
[Life Histories of Connecticut Butterflies](#). Connecticut Butterfly Association. 2007. cibutterfly.org
[The Connecticut Bumble Bee Guide](#). Tracy Zarrillo, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station



Mapleleaf viburnum. J. Lubell-Brand

Summer Foods for Wildlife

Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
Choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
Pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
Red mulberry (*Morus rubra*)
Shadblush/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*)
Hawthorns (*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 (*Cephaelanthus occidentalis*)
Meadowsweet spiraea (*Spiraea alba*)
Summersweet/sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Pinxterbloom azalea (*Rhododendron nudiflorum*)
Swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)

Butterfly Larvae Host Trees/Shrubs

For more details, see [Life Histories of Connecticut Butterflies](#).
Connecticut Butterfly Association. cibutterfly.org

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*)
Hawthorns (*Crataegus* spp.)
Huckleberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*)
Eastern red-cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Oaks (*Quercus* spp.)
Pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*)
Plum (*Prunus americana*)
Pussy willow (*Salix discolor*)
Rose (*Rosa* spp.)
Shadblush/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, Chicadee, 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.

