



# Trees and Shrubs That Attract Songbirds and Wildlife

Name	Food		Cover	Nesting	Plant Range*	Plant Habitat	Remarks
	Quality	Season					
<b>Evergreen Trees</b>							
Arborvitae, Oriental ( <i>Thuja orientalis</i> )	Fair	Summer-Fall	Excel.	Excel.	E,C,W	Average soil, likes moisture	May experience winter damage; dense foliage provides good cover for wildlife
Juniper, Rocky Mountain ( <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Excel.	Excel.	W	Average conditions	Similar to eastern redcedar; birds eat seeds; dense foliage used by wildlife
Pine, Austrian ( <i>Pinus nigra</i> )	Fair	Fall	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Limited use—subject to needle blights; mainly used for cover but birds will eat seeds
Pine, Southwestern White ( <i>Pinus strobiformis</i> )	Fair	Fall	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Cover for various wildlife; seeds eaten by birds and small mammals
Pine, Eastern White ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> )	Fair	Fall	Good	Good	E	Best on moist, well-drained, acidic soil	Keep away from exposed sites; seeds eaten by birds and small mammals
Pine, Ponderosa ( <i>Pinus ponderosa</i> )	Good	Fall	Good	Good	C,W	Average conditions	Very drought tolerant; seeds eaten by numerous birds and small mammals and used for cover
Redcedar, Eastern ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Excel.	Excel.	E,C,W	Average conditions	Do not use near apples or crabapples; birds eat seeds; dense foliage used by wildlife
Spruce, Black Hills ( <i>Picea glauca var. densata</i> )	Fair	Fall	Good	Good	E,C	Average conditions; prefers acid soil	Slow growing; provides habitat for songbirds
<b>Deciduous Trees</b>							
Baldcypress ( <i>Taxodium distichum</i> )	Poor	Summer-Fall	Good	Good	E	Generally wet soil, but will tolerate dry site; not for alkaline soil	Resting and nesting cover for many species of wildlife
Blackgum ( <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> )	Good	Fall	Good	Good	E	Moist, deep, well-drained, acid soil	Fruit eaten by many species of birds and mammals
Cottonwood, Eastern ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )	Poor	Spring-Summer	Good	Good	E,C,W	Bottomland/ wet soil	Cover for turkey and deer; obtains large size
Cherry, Black ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> )	Excel.	Fall	Fair	Fair	E	Average conditions	Fruit liked by many bird species

\* E = Eastern Kansas, C = Central Kansas, W = Western Kansas (see map on page 4)

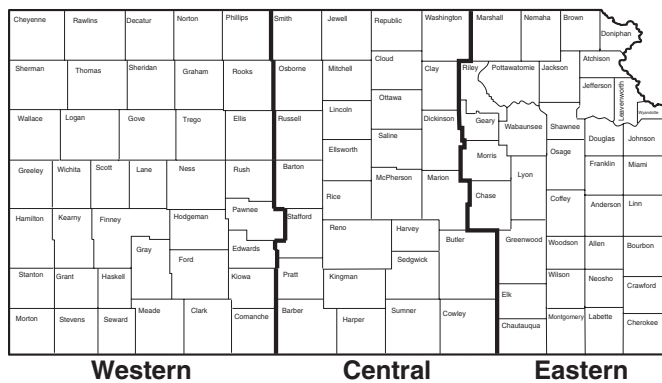
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Crabapple, Flowering ( <i>Malus spp.</i> )	Excel.	Summer-Winter	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Select disease resistant cultivars; Fruit eaten by birds and mammals
Hackberry, Common ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Generally liked by songbirds
Hawthorn, Cockspur ( <i>Crataegus crusgalli</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Good	Excel.	E,C,W	Well drained soil	Has long thorns; Good cover for birds
Hawthorn, Washington ( <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Has thorns; Good cover for birds
Hickory, Shagbark ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )	Good	Fall	Fair	Fair	E	Bottomlands and Northeast facing uplands	Nut liked by squirrels
Lilac ( <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> )	Poor	Summer-Fall	Excel	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Provides cover for numerous wildlife; little food value
Maple, Sugar ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	Good	Fall	Fair	Fair	E	Prefers slightly acid soil	Use cultivars tolerant of summer conditions or Caddo type; birds and small mammals eat the seed
Mulberry, (Red, White, Russian) ( <i>Morus spp.</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average conditions	Used by more than 50 bird species
Oak, Black ( <i>Quercus marilandica</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Found on poor soil, does well on good soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Bur ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Hardy tree, large acorn, liked by various wildlife
Oak, Chinkapin ( <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Well drained, limestone soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, English ( <i>Quercus robur</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Northern Red ( <i>Quercus rubra</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Average, well-drained, slightly acid soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Pin ( <i>Quercus palustris</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Good, moist, acid soil	Retains lower branches; acorn liked by wildlife
Oak, Post ( <i>Quercus stellata</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C	Does well in poor soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Sawtooth ( <i>Quercus acutissima</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Shumard ( <i>Quercus shumardii</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Average conditions	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, Swamp White ( <i>Quercus bicolor</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Acid soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Oak, White ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Bottomland soil; prefers acid soil	Acorn liked by numerous birds and animals
Osage Orange ( <i>Maclura pomifera</i> )	Good	Fall	Excel	Good	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Fruit liked by squirrels
Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )	Good	Fall	Poor	Poor	E,C	Good, well-drained bottomlands	Fruit liked by small mammals
Pecan ( <i>Carya illinoensis</i> )	Excel.	Fall	Fair	Fair	E,C	Deep soil	Nut liked by squirrels and deer
Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> )	Excel.	Fall	Good	Good	E,C	Rocky, shallow, well-drained soil	Fruit liked by birds and small mammals

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Sycamore, American ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	Poor	Fall- Spring	Fair	Good	E,C	Bottomland/ wet soil	Mature trees used as dens and heron rookeries
Serviceberry, Downy ( <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E,C	Prefers moist, well-drained, acid soil	Fruit liked by birds
Walnut, Black ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	Fair	Fall	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Rich upland and bottomland soil	Nut liked by squirrels and rodents
Willow, Sandbar ( <i>Salix interior</i> )	Poor	Spring	Fair	Good	E,C,W	Any wet soil	Liked by red-winged blackbirds and others

## Shrubs

Arrowwood ( <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> )	Good	Fall- Winter	Good	Good	E,C	Variety of soils, prefers well-drained	Fruit eaten by songbirds
Black Haw, Southern ( <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> )	Good	Fall- Winter	Good	Good	E,C	Average	Utilized by a variety of wildlife
Blackberry, Highbush ( <i>Rubus ostryifolius</i> )	Good	Summer	Excel.	Good	E,C	Open sites	Grows in dense thickets—liked by many species of birds
Buckthorn ( <i>Rhamnus lanceolata</i> )	Good	Summer	Good	Good	E	Open sites - any well-drained soil	Used by birds and mammals
Buttonbush, Common ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )	Good	Fall- Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Wet soil	Good bank stabilizer—attracts bees
Chokecherry ( <i>Prunus virginiana</i> )	Good	Summer	Good	Fair	E,C,W	Deep moist soil	Eaten by more than 70 bird species
Coralberry (Buckbrush) ( <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i> )	Good	Fall- Winter	Good	Fair	E,C,W	Alkaline soil, average to dry	Attractive in winter, full of fruit—occasionally used by birds and mammals
Cotoneaster, Peking ( <i>Cotoneaster acutifolia</i> )	Good	Fall- Winter	Excel.	Good	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Provide good air circulation to discourage fire blight; fruit eaten by robin and catbird
Currant, Golden ( <i>Ribes odoratum</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E,C,W	Well-drained soil	More open than gooseberry—used by songbirds and small mammals
Dewberry ( <i>Rubus flagellaris</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E,C	Open waste areas	Grows in thickets—used by songbirds, gamebirds, and mammals
Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry ( <i>Cornus mas</i> )	Good	Fall	Fair	Good	E,C	Average soil	Good yellow flower; fruit attracts birds
Dogwood, Gray ( <i>Cornus racemosa</i> )	Excel.	Fall	Fair	Fair	E,C	Average soil	Easy to grow; fruit readily eaten by birds
Dogwood, Redosier ( <i>Cornus stolonifera</i> )	Good	Fall	Fair	Fair	E, C	Moist conditions	Good winter color; fruit eaten by birds
Dogwood, Rough-leaved ( <i>Cornus drummondii</i> )	Good	Fall	Good	Good	E,C,W	Dry, or dry, rocky soil	Good for fence rows, stream banks, timber edges; used by birds and small mammals
Dogwood, Swamp ( <i>Cornus amomum</i> )	Excel.	Fall	Fair	Good	E	Average, moist soil	Liked by more than 80 bird species
Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )	Excel.	Late Summer	Fair	Good	E,C	Moist soil	Quantity of food excellent; more than 100 species of birds like it, also liked by mammals
Firethorn, Scarlet ( <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> )	Good	Fall- Spring	Good	Good	E,C	Well-drained soil; full sun is best	Attracts songbirds

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Gooseberry, Wild ( <i>Ribes missouriense</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Excel.	Excel.	E,C	Any well-drained soil	Excellent wildlife plant; used by mammals and birds
Hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	Excel.	Summer-Fall	Good	Excel.	E	Well-drained, loamy soil	Small nut eaten by a variety of wildlife
Holly, Deciduous ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )	Good	Fall-Spring	Excel.	Excel.	E,C	Variety of soils	Fruit used by a variety of wildlife
Peashrub, Siberian ( <i>Caragana arborescens</i> )	Fair	Summer	Excel.	Excel.	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Attracts grasshoppers; May lose leaves in dry years; used by songbirds
Plum, American ( <i>Prunus americana</i> )	Good	Fall	Good	Good	E,C,W	Good soil	Makes good screen, spreads by sucker sprouts; liked by birds and mammals
Plum, Sandhill ( <i>Prunus angustifolia</i> )	Good	Fall	Good	Good	E,C,W	Sandy, light soil	Excellent for soil stabilization; liked by birds and mammals
Raspberry, Black ( <i>Rubus occidentalis</i> )	Good	Summer	Fair	Fair to poor	E,C	Good drainage	Eaten by many bird species and mammals
Serviceberry, Shadblow ( <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> )	Excel.	Summer	Fair	Fair	E,C	Rocky hillsides	Used by many bird species
Sumac, Fragrant ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> )	Fair	Winter	Good	Good	E,C,W	Average to dry soil	Excellent fall color—used by a variety of birds
Sumac, Smooth ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )	Fair	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C	Shallow, rocky soil	Better for mammals than birds; forms thickets
Viburnum, Blackhaw ( <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C	Average soil	Good fall color; used by birds and small mammals
Viburnum, Leatherleaf ( <i>Viburnum rhytidophyllum</i> )	Good	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E,C	Well-drained fertile soil; shade to part shade	Attracts birds



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