



Trees and Shrubs That Attract Songbirds and Wildlife

Name	Food		Cover	Nesting	Plant Range*	Plant Habitat	Remarks
	Quality	Season					
Evergreen Trees							
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, 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
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
Redcedar, Eastern (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	Good	Fall- Winter	Excel.	Excel.	E,C,W	Average conditions	Do not use near apples or crab apples; 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
Deciduous Trees							
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
Basswood (<i>Tilia americana</i>)	Good	Fall- Winter	Good	Good	E	Prefers deep, well-drained soils	Great for honeybees; forms cavities when older
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
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

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

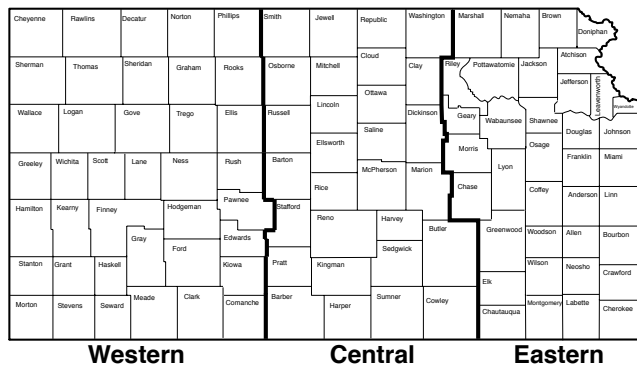
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Fringetree (<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>)	Good	Fall	Fair	Good	E	Moist, deep, well-drained, acid soils	Showy white flowers; birds utilize fruit
Hackberry, Common (<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>)	Good	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E,C,W	Variety of soils	Generally 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
Hophornbeam (<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)	Good	Fall-Winter	Fair	Fair	E	Average, well-drained soil	Leaves are retained through most of the winter
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 (<i>Morus rubra</i>)	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E,C,W	Best on moist, well-drained soil	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, 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, 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
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
Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>)	Fair	Fall	Fair	Fair	E,C	Average	Seed used by birds as an emergency reserve; early flowers for pollinators
Sycamore, American (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)	Poor	Fall-Spring	Fair	Good	E,C	Bottomland/ wet soil	Mature trees used as dens and heron rookeries

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Serviceberry, Downy (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>)	Excel.	Summer	Good	Good	E	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
Beautyberry (<i>Callicarpa americana</i>)	Excel.	Fall-Winter	Good	Good	E	Best on moist, well-drained soils	Fruit eaten by many species of birds and mammals and persists into winter
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
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, 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
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
New Jersey Tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>)	Fair	Fall	Fair	Fair	E	Does well on sandy or rocky well-drained soils	Seed eaten by quail and turkey; flowers attract pollinators

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Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	Good	Fall	Good	Good	E	Average, well-drained soils	Fruit eaten by many species of birds; flowers are good for pollinators
Possumhaw (<i>Ilex decidua</i>)	Good	Fall-Spring	Excel.	Excel.	E,C	Variety of soils	Fruit used by a variety of wildlife
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
Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>)	Excel.	Fall	Good	Good	E	Average/moist, well-drained soils	Leaves and fruit utilized by many wildlife 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
Witch Hazel (<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>)	Fair	Fall	Good	Good	E	Prefers moist, deep, well-drained acid soils	Fruit eaten by quail, deer, and rabbits; flowers in fall



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