

Native Woody Plants for Birds

(From National Audubon Society Website)

Provide food (seeds/fruits), nesting sites, protection from predators or weather.

Trees in bold type are particularly good for caterpillars.

Tall Trees

Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) 60-100'

American Elm (*Asimi triloba*) 50-80'

Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*) 45-75'

Black Willow (*Salix nigra*) 30-60' – does best in wet soils

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) 80-100'

Northern White Oak (*Quercus alba*) 80-100'

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) up to 100' – prefers moist, poorly drained soils

Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*) to 60'

American Basswood – also called American Linden (*Tilia Americana*) 60-80'

Paper Birch (*Betula papyrifera*) 50-75'

River Birch (*Betula nigra*) 40-70' – prefers wet soil, floodplain, along streams

Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*) 50-80'

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) 40-50'

American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) 75-100' – prefers moist soil but will grow elsewhere

Mid-Size Trees

American Crabapple (*Malus coronaria*) to 25'

American Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) 15'-20'

Cock-spur Hawthorn (*Crataegus crus-galli*) 20-35'

Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginianum*) 30-40' - male and female plants

Nanny Berry (*Viburnum lentago*) 20-25'

Eastern Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) 20-40'

Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*) 15-25'

Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) 15-25'

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) 30' +

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) 15-30'

Alternate-leaf Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) 15-25'

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) to 30'

Small Trees and Shrubs (less than 15' tall)

Northern Bayberry (*Morella pensylvanica*) 3-12'

Northern Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) 6-12'

Common Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) to 12' tall and wide

Red Osier (*Cornus alba*) 8-10'

Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) 6-12'

Common Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) 6-10' require male & female plants

Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corybosum*) 6-12'

American Black Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *canadensis*) 10-15'

Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*) 3-6'

Maple-leaf Arrowwood (*Viburnum acerifolium*) 3-6'

Smooth Arrowwood (*Viburnum recognitum*) 5-15'