

Connecticut Trees for Pollinators

Major tree sources of nectar with bloom times
(Plan for a succession of blooms)

- Maple-- flowers Feb-April
- Native Willow-- flowers Feb-April
- Black Cherry-- flowers April-May
- Tulip Tree-- flowers May-June
- Black Locust-- flowers May-June
- Basswood-- flowers late June -July
- Sumac-- flowers June-July



Twenty most valuable plant genera ranked (from most to least) in terms of their ability to support Lepidoptera species (butterflies) Mid-Atlantic region

Rank genus

- 1 Quercus
- 2 Prunus
- 3 Salix
- 4 Betula
- 5 Populus
- 6 Malus
- 7 Vaccinium
- 8 Acer
- 9 Alnus
- 10 Carya
- 11 Ulmus
- 12 Pinus
- 13 Crataegus
- 14 Rubus
- 15 Picea
- 16 Fraxinus
- 17 Tilia
- 18 Pyrus
- 19 Rosa
- 20 Corylus

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Plant Common Name Number of Butterfly Species Supported

- oak 534
- cherry; plum 456
- willow 455
- birch 411
- poplar; cottonwood 367
- crabapple 308
- blueberry; cranberry 294
- maple 297
- alder 255
- hickory 235
- elm 215
- pine 201
- hawthorn 168
- blackberry; raspberry 163
- spruce 150
- ash 149
- basswood 149
- pear 138
- rose 135
- filbert 131

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