

Connecticut Native Trees for Pollinators

Major tree sources of pollen and nectar

Native Tree	Bloom Time
Maple - Acer sps.	April
Willow - Salix sps.	April
Black Cherry - Prunus serotina	April – May
Tulip Tree - Liriodendron tulipifera	May - June
Basswood - Tilia americana	Late June – July
Sumac - Rhus sps.	June – July



(Plan for succession of bloom to support pollinators.)

Twenty most valuable plants in terms of their ability to support butterflies and moths

Native Tree/Plant	Number of Lepidoptera Species Supported (Butterflies and Moth caterpillars)
1. Oak – Quercus	534
2. Willow – Salix	456
3. Cherry, plum – Prunus	456
4. Birch – Betula	413
5. Poplar, cottonwood – Populus	368
6. Crabapple – Malus*	311
7. Blueberry, cranberry – Vaccinium	288
8. Maple, box elder – Acer	285
9. Elm – Ulmus	213
10. Pine – Pinus	203
11. Hickory – Carya	200
12. Hawthorn – Crataegus	159
13. Alder – Alnus	156
14. Spruce – Picea	156
15. Ash – Fraxinus	150
16. Basswood, linden – Tilia	150
17. Filbert, hazelnut – Corylus	131
18. Walnut, butternut – Juglans	130
19. Beech – Fagus	126
20. Chestnut – Castanea	125

* Not Native to CT

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