

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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