

Bushes 3'-8' in height

Winterberry

Ilex verticillata

Partial Sun/Full Shade

Birds, small mammals. A deciduous holly; the attractive bright red fruits of winterberry are poisonous to humans but eaten by small mammals and more than 48 species of birds, including bluebirds, american robin and northern mockingbird; male and female plants needed to produce fruits; red berries persist into January making this a very popular shrub for landscaping. Bloom in spring. Waters' edge.

Wild Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens

Partial Sun/Full Shade

Birds, small mammals. Light yellow fall colors, large clusters of white flowers in summer, eaten by white tail deer. Bloom in summer. Moist upland, waters' edge.

Silky Dogwood

Cornus amomus

Partial Sun/Partial Shade

Birds, small mammals. Attractive white flowers in early summer; blue fruits in late summer; reddish stems in winter; fair rooting ability for cutting; frequently used in shoreline and stream bank restoration projects and can be established from fascines, stakes, brush mats or rooted plants. Bloom in spring. Waters edge. Can be cut into stakes and planted directly in eroding vertical banks.

Button Bush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Partial Sun/Partial Shade

Birds, large mammals. One of the most flood-tolerant shrubs; white flowers in clustered ball; flowers excellent nectar source for butterflies and other insects; seeds eaten by wood ducks and mallards; excellent protective cover for young wood ducks. Bloom in summer. Waters' edge, wetlands and standing water. Can be cut into stakes and planted directly in eroding vertical banks.

American Beautyberry

Callicarpa americana

Partial Sun/Partial Shade

Birds, small and large mammals. Beautiful magenta berry-like fruit persists through winter; heavily used by white tailed deer and more than 40 species of songbirds; prefers loamy to rocky soil. Bloom in summer. Dry/moist upland, waters' edge.

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Trees 50' and taller

Black Oak (water oak)

Quercus velutina

Full/Partial Sun

Birds, small and large mammals. Often planted as an ornamental; small acorns eaten by many wildlife species including wood ducks and wild turkey. Spring bloom.

Pin Oak

Quercus palustris

Full/Partial Sun

Birds, small and large mammals. Fast growing bottomland oak; leaves turn scarlet red in fall and usually persist into the winter; acorns eaten by many game species including wood duck and wild turkeys; often planted on food plots.

Willow Oak

Quercus phellos

Full/Partial Sun

Birds, small and large mammals. Russet red fall colors; small leaves; small acorns eaten by many wildlife species including wood ducks and wild turkeys; grows in bottomland and near streams. Can be cut into stakes and planted directly in eroding vertical banks.

Sweetgum

Liquidambar styraciflua

Full Sun

Birds, small mammals. Reddish and purple fall colors; produces gum balls; seeds eaten by finches and small mammals. Spring bloom.

Sycamore

Plantanus occidentalis

Full/Partial Sun

Birds, small mammals. Outer layer of bark flakes off revealing lighter colors beneath; large leaves; excellent cavity tree for mammals and wood ducks; fast grower. Spring bloom. Can be cut into stakes and planted directly in eroding vertical banks.

Green Ash

Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Full/Partial Sun

Birds, small mammals. Fast growing rate; yellow fall colors; distinctive fruits eaten by a variety of wildlife.

Trees 20-50' tall

River Birch

Betula nigra

Full Sun

Birds, small and large mammals. Widely planted as an ornamental; distinctive bronze colored bark; high tolerance for highly acidic soils; bloom in spring.

Sweetbay

Magnolia virginiana

Full/Partial sun

Birds, small mammals. Widely planted as an ornamental; semi evergreen; leaves dark green on top, silvery on bottom; creamy white, lemon scented flowers 2-3" in diameter; larval plant food for butter flies. Bloom in Spring.

Black Willow

Salix nigra

Full sun

Birds, small and large mammals. Often used in bioengineering projects; fast growing but short lived shrubby look tree; important food source for waterfowl; host plant for several butterfly species. Bloom in spring. Can be cut into stakes and planted directly in eroding vertical banks.

Bushes 8'-20' tall

Hazel Alder

Alnus serrulata

Full Sun

Birds. Also known as smooth alder or tag alder; commonly used for shoreline or stream bank restoration projects; poor rooting ability from cuttings; roots have nitrogen fixing capability; good cover plant for wood ducks; used by birds in nest construction; can develop colonies. Bloom in spring.

Spicebrush

Lindera benzoin

Partial Sun/Full Shade

Birds. Yellow fall colors; yellow flowers; foliage spicy fragrant when crushed; bright red fruit eaten by birds in winter; host plant for spicebush swallowtail butterfly; fragrant twigs make good tooth picks. Bloom in spring.