



Native Trees of Knoxville

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier*)

Usually grows to 15-25 ft. tall. This tree's berries are preferred by many different species of birds and other wildlife.

Redbud (*Cercis*)

Its pink flowers are borne in tight clusters along the stems and branches before new leaves appear, creating a showy display.

Witch-hazel (*Hamamelis*)

Birds eat the fruits (small brown capsules). Deer and beavers browse the base. It has fragrant, strap-like yellow flowers.

Hop-hornbeam (*Ostrya*)

Provides some food value to songbirds and small mammals. The fruit clusters resemble hops.

Carolina buckthorn (*Rhamnus*)

Ripe berries attract birds. Leaves and bark are browsed by deer. Height ranges from 12- 15 ft.

White/green/blue ash (*Fraxinus*)

All three types have winged seeds that attract song and game birds, also providing cover and nesting sites.

Red/silver/sugar maple (*Acer*)

Maples are relied on by the Rosy Maple Moth and a variety of other insects. Provides a habitat for squirrels and birds.

River birch (*Betula*)

Birch trees provide a great habitat for birds and squirrels. The silver bark peels to reveal a cinnamon-brown trunk beneath.

Flowering dogwood (*Mertensia*)

Graceful, horizontal-tiered branching, red fruits, and scarlet-red fall foliage make this tree spectacularly beautiful.

Fringe tree (*Chionanthus*)

The berries are attractive to wildlife. Twigs and foliage are browsed by many animals.

American holly (*Ilex*)

The berries attract many birds and small mammal species. Also provides cover and nesting sites.

Sourwood (*Oxydendrum*)

Height ranges from 30-70 ft. Small white lily-of-the-valley-like flowers turn red in autumn.

Rusty blackhaw (*Viburnum*)

Glossy, dark-green, deciduous leaves turn a variety of warm hues in autumn. Flowers attract bees and butterflies.

Tulip poplar (*Liriodendron*)

The state tree of Tennessee, the tulip poplar has waxy leaves and is a favorite nesting tree for birds.

Sycamore (*Platanus*)

A shade tree, Sycamore grows to a larger trunk diameter (11 ft.) than any other native hardwood.

Blackgum (*Nyssa*)

Smooth, waxy dark-green summer foliage changes to fluorescent yellow, orange, scarlet and purple in fall.

