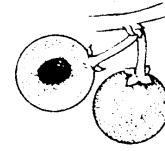




# Backyard Wildlife

## WILDLIFE HABITAT NOTES:

### Berry-Producing Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines



Berry crops are utilized by many wildlife species. Berry-producing plants will often attract large flocks of songbirds which can consume an entire crop in a matter of hours. Berries which fall to the ground are consumed by ground feeders such as the rufous-sided towhee and bobwhite quail, and wild strawberries are a favorite food of box turtles. Berry production is generally greatest in summer and fall, but some species (e.g., red cedar, hackberry, coralberry, sumac) hold their berries well into the winter. Bittersweet berries are not even palatable to most wildlife until mid winter and are an important late winter food for eastern bluebirds. Other species attracted to berries are the brown thrasher, blue jay, American robin, wood thrush, cedar waxwing, orioles, tanagers, cardinal, indigo bunting, junco, woodpeckers, grouse, deer, squirrel, raccoon, fox and many species of butterflies including Kentucky's state butterfly, the viceroy.

#### Overstory Trees

American Basswood (*Tilia americana*)  
White Basswood (*Tilia heterophylla*)  
Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)  
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)  
Magnolia, Cucumber (*Magnolia acuminata*)  
Mulberry, Red (*Morus rubra*)  
Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

#### Understory Trees

Dogwood, Flowering (*Cornus florida*)  
Dogwood, Pagoda (*Cornus alternifolia*)  
Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)  
Hawthorn, Cockspur (*Crataegus crusgalli*)  
Hawthorn, Downy (*Crataegus mollis*)  
Hawthorn, Washington (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)  
Hercule's Club (*Aralia spinosa*)  
Holly, American (*Ilex opaca*)  
Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)  
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*, A. *canadensis*)  
Sumac, Flameleaf (*Rhus copallina*)  
Sumac, Staghorn (*Rhus typhina*)  
Viburnum, No. Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)  
Viburnum, So. Blackhaw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)  
Wahoo (*Euonymus atropurpureus*)  
Wild Crabapple (*Malus coronaria*)  
Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)

#### Shrubs

Blackberry, Allegheny (*Rubus allegheniensis*)  
Black Raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*)  
Buckthorn, Carolina (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)

Burning Bush (*Euonymus americanus*)  
Chokeberry, Black (*Aronia melanocarpa*)  
Chokeberry, Red (*Aronia arbutifolia*)  
Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)  
Deerberry (*Vaccinium stamineum*)  
Dogwood, Gray (*Cornus racemosa*)  
Dogwood, Silky (*Cornus ammomum*)  
Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Euonymus, Running (*Euonymus obovatus*)  
Gooseberry (*Ribes cynosbati*)  
Holly, Deciduous (*Ilex decidua*)  
Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)  
Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)  
Rose, Carolina (*Rosa carolina*)  
Rose, Prairie (*Rosa setigera*)  
Rose, Swamp (*Rosa palustris*)  
Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)  
Sumac, Fragrant (*Rhus aromatica*)  
Sumac, Smooth (*Rhus glabra*)  
Viburnum, Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Viburnum, Mapleleaf (*Viburnum acerifolium*)  
Viburnum, Possumhaw (*Viburnum nudum*)  
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)  
Yellowroot (*Xynthorhiza simplicissima*)

#### Vines

Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*)  
Dutchman's Pipevine (*Aristolochia macrophylla*)  
Grape, Fox (*Vitis vulpina*)  
Grape, Summer (*Vitis aestivalis*)  
Heartleaf (*Ampelopsis cordata*)  
Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)  
Trumpet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)  
Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)