



## A Landowners Guide to Native Woody Species of Southcentral Ontario

### Species Information Table

**Other Notes:**

ref - generally known to be suited for open site reforestation efforts

**Ontario's Endangered Species Act Listings**

EXP - Extirpated    END - Endangered    THR - Threatened    SC - of special concern  
(updated September 2010)

**Shade Tolerance**

- 1 = very tolerant
- 2 = tolerant
- 3 = mid-tolerant
- 4 = intermediate
- 5 = intolerant
- 6 = very intolerant

**Drainage:**

- X = most common
- o = less common
- 1 = very rapid
- 2 = rapid
- 3 = well drained
- 4 = moderately well-drained
- 5 = imperfectly drained
- 6 = poorly drained

**Soils:**

- Sand - light, coarse soil
- Sandy Loam
- Loam
- Clay Loam
- Clay - heavy, fine soil
- O = Organic = muck, peat

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Evergreen trees	ref	Balsam Fir	Abies balsamea	tree	25 m	■				■		X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
	ref	Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	tree	10 m						■			X	X	X	X								S		
	ref	Black Spruce	Picea mariana	tree	20 m		■											o	X						O		
		Red Spruce	Picea rubens	tree	25 m	■	■						X	X	X	X										O	S
	ref	White Spruce	Picea glauca	tree	25 m		■	■	■				X	X	X	X	X									S	
	ref	Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	tree	30 m			■	■				X	X	X	o	o	o							O	S	
	ref	Jack Pine	Pinus banksiana	tree	20 m						■		X	X	X										S		
	ref	Pitch Pine	Pinus rigida	tree	20 m							■	X	X	X										S		
	ref	Red Pine	Pinus resinosa	tree	25 m							■	X	X	X	X									S		
	ref	Eastern White Cedar	Thuja occidentalis	tree	15 - 25 m	■							X	X	X	X	X	X							O	S	
	Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga canadensis	tree	30 m	■							X	X	X	X	X									S		
Deciduous trees		Black Maple	Acer saccharum spp nigrum	tree	35 m	■						X	X	o	o												
		Manitoba Maple	Acer negundo	tree	20 m		■	■	■				X	X	X	X	X							O			
	ref	Red Maple	Acer rubrum	tree	25 m		■	■	■				o	o	o	X	X	X						O			
	ref	Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	tree	35 m		■	■	■							X	X	X						O			
		Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	tree	35 m	■							X	X	o	o											
		Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	tree	15 m		■	■	■	■	■		o	o	X	X	X										
	END	Cherry Birch	Betula lenta	tree	20 m						■		X	X	X	X	X								S		
		Grey Birch	Betula populifolia	tree	12 m							■	X	X	X	X	X										
		Mountain Paper Birch	Betula cordifolia	tree	25 m							■	X	X	X	X	X										
		White Birch	Betula papyrifera	tree	25 m							■	X	X	X	X	X							O	S		
		Yellow Birch	Betula allegheniensis	tree	25 m			■	■				X	X	X	X	X										
		Blue Beech	Carpinus caroliniana	tree	8 m	■							X	X	X	X	X							O			
		Big Shellbark Hickory	Carya lacinosa	tree	30 m	■									X	X	X										
	ref	Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis	tree	25 m			■	■	■			o	X	o	o									S		
		Pignut (Red) Hickory	Carya glabra	tree	20 m			■	■	■			X	X	X	X	X										
ref	Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	tree	25 m			■	■				o	X	X	X	o								S			
END	American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	tree	35 m		■						X	o	o													
ref	Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	tree	15 m			■	■				X	X	X	X	X								S			
	Dotted Hawthorn	Craetagus punctata	tree	8-10 m						?		X	X											S			

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	American Beech	Fagus grandifolia	tree	25 m	■																		O			
ref	Black Ash	Fraxinus nigra	tree	20 m																				O		
SC	Blue Ash	Fraxinus quadrangulata	tree	20 m		■	■	■									X	X	X	X					S	
	Pumpkin Ash	Fraxinus profunda	tree	30 m				■	■																O	
ref	Red (green) Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	tree	25 m		■											X	X	X	X	X					
ref	White Ash	Fraxinus americana	tree	30 m				■	■								X	X	X	X						
	Honey Locust	Gleditsia triancanthos	tree	30 m													X	X	X	X						
THR	Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	tree	25 m													X	X	X						S	
ref	Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	tree	30 m																						
END	Butternut	Juglans cinerea	tree	25 m													X	X	X							
ref	Tamarack	Larix laricina	tree	25m													X	X	X	X	X	X			O	
ref	Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	tree	35 m																						
END	Cucumber Tree	Magnolia acuminata	tree	25 m																						
END	Red Mulberry	Morus rubra	tree	9 m		■																			O	
	Black Gum	Nyssa sylvatica	tree	20 m		■																				
	Ironwood	Ostrya virginiana	tree	12 m		■																				S
ref	Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	tree	35 m																						
	Balsam Poplar	Populus balsamifera	tree	25 m																						O
ref	Eastern Cottonwood	Populus deltoides	tree	30 m																						O
	Large-tooth Aspen	Populus grandidentata	tree	20 m																						
	Swamp Cottonwood	Populus heterophylla	tree	25 m																						O
ref	Trembling Aspen	Populus tremuloides	tree	25 m																						S
ref	Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	tree	22 m																						
ref	Black Oak	Quercus velutina	tree	20 m																						
ref	Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	tree	15 m																						S
ref	Chinquapin Oak	Quercus muhlenbergii	tree	30 m																						S
ref	Northern Pin Oak	Quercus ellipsoidalis	tree	20 m																						
ref	Pin Oak	Quercus palustris	tree	20 m																						
ref	Red Oak	Quercus rubra	tree	25 m																						S
SC	Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	tree	40 m																						
ref	Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	tree	22 m																						O
ref	White Oak	Quercus alba	tree	35 m																						S
ref	Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	tree	20 m																						
	Basswood	Tilia americana	tree	35 m																						
	Rock Elm	Ulmus thomasi	tree	25 m																						S
	Slippery (Red) Elm	Ulmus rubra	tree	25 m																						
	White Elm	Ulmus americana	tree	35 m																						O S

Deciduous Trees continued ...

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Ev. shrubs		Common Juniper	Juniperus communis	low shrub	<1.5 m						■	o	X	X	X	o									
		Creeping Juniper	Juniperus horizontalis	prostrate shrub	<30 cm						■	o	X	X	X	o								S	
		American Yew	Taxus canadensis	spreading shrub	<2 m	■							X	X	X	X									
Deciduous shrubs		Mountain Maple	Acer spicatum	erect shrub	3-5 m		■					o	o	X	X	X									
		Striped Maple	Acer pennsylvanicum	large shrub or small tree	10 m	■							X	X	X	X									
		Green alder	Alnus viridus	erect shrub	>=3 m								X	X	X	X	X							S	
		Speckled alder	Alnus incana	erect shrub	<4 m								o	o	o	o	X							O	
		Serviceberry	Amelanchier stolonifera	erect shrub	0.3 - 2 m		■						X	X	X	X								O	
		Serviceberry (Mountain)	Amelanchier bartramiana	shrub	2 m		■						X	X	X	X								O	
		Serviceberry (roundleaf)	Amelanchier sanguinea	low shrub	1-3 (10)		■						X	X	X	X								O	
		Serviceberry (Juneberry)	Amelanchier arborea	large shrub or small tree	10 - 12m		■					X	X	X	X										
		Serviceberry (Juneberry)	Amelanchier humilis	erect shrub	.3-1.2 m		■						X	X	X	X								O	
		Serviceberry (Smooth)	Amelanchier laevis	erect shrub	<=10 m		■					X	X	X	X										
		Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	low shrub	<2.5 m							X	X	X	X	X	X							O S	
		PawPaw	Asimina triloba	large shrub or small tree	7.5 - 10m	■							X	X	X	X									
		Dwarf Birch	Betula pumila var. glandulifera	erect shrub	<2 m					?								X						O S	
	THR		Dwarf Hackberry	Celtis tenuifolia	large shrub or small tree	1-4 m					■		X	X	X	X								S	
			Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	spreading shrub	3 m										X	X								
			Leatherleaf	Chamaedaphne calyculata	low shrub	1 m										X	X							O	
			Alternate-leaf Dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	shrub	4-6 m							X	X	X	X	X								
	END		Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	erect shrub	3-4 m	■						X	X	X	X								O	
			Gray dogwood	Cornus racemosa	erect shrub	2.5 m							X	X	X	X								S	
			Red-osier dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	shrub	2-3 m							X	X	X	X	X							O S	
			Rough-leaved dogwood	Cornus drummondii	erect shrub	3-4 m				■	■		X	X	X	X								O	
			Round-leaved dogwood	Cornus rugosa	erect shrub	3 m		■	■	■		X	X	X	X									S	
			Silky dogwood	Cornus amomum	erect shrub	3 m																		O	
		Beaked Hazel	Corylus cornuta	shrub	3-4 m																		O S		
		Hazelnut	Corylus americana	low shrub	2-3 m						X	X	X										S		
		Cockspur Hawthorn	Craetagus crus-galli	large shrub or small tree	6-10m					?	X	X	X										S		
		Downy Hawthorn	Craetagus mollis	large shrub or small tree	8-10 m					?		X	X	X	X	X									
		Fanleaf Hawthorn	Craetagus flabellata	large shrub or small tree	5-6 m					■		X	X												
		Fireberry Hawthorn	Craetagus chrysocarpa	large shrub or small tree	6 m					■		X	X	o	o	o									

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		Fleshy Hawthorn	<i>Craetagus succulentata</i>	large shrub or small tree	6-8 m					■			X	X	o	o	o							
		Pear Hawthorn	<i>Craetagus calpodendron</i>	large shrub or small tree	6-8 m					?			X	X										
		Scarlet Hawthorn	<i>Craetagus coccinea</i>	shrub	10 m					?			X	X										
		Western Hawthorn	<i>Craetagus douglasii</i>	large shrub or small tree	>10m					■			X	X	o	o	o							
		Bush Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	low shrub	< 1 m			■				X	X	X										
		Leatherwood	<i>Dirca palustris</i>	low shrub	<2 m	■						X	X	X										
		Burning-bush Euonymus	<i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i>	erect shrub	4.5-6 m			?					X	X	X	X								
		Witch-hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	large shrub or small tree	4.5-6 m					?			X	X										
		Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	erect shrub	3-4 m					?						X	X						O	
		Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	spreading shrub	<=3 m	■							X	X	X	X	X							
		Fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>	erect shrub	1.5 m			■					X	X	X									
		Glaucous Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera dioica</i>	shrub or woody vine	>3 m								X	X	X									
		Mountain Fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera villosa</i>	low shrub	< 1 m				■	■			X	X	X	X	X						O	
		Swamp Fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera oblongifolia</i>	erect shrub	1-1.5 m				■	■			X	X	X	X								
		Wild Crab Apple	<i>Malus coronaria</i>	large shrub or small tree	10 m					?	?		X	X	X									
		Mountain holly	<i>Nemopanthus mucronata</i>	erect shrub	3 m					?	?					X	X						O	
		Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	spreading shrub	2-3 m					?	?		X	X	X	X	X							S
		Shrubby cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	low shrub	< 1 m					?		X	X	X	X	X	X							S
		Three toothed cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla tridentata</i>	prostrate herb	5 -20 cm					?	?	X	X	X										S
		Canada plum	<i>Prunus nigra</i>	large shrub or small tree	7-10 m					?	?		X	X	X	X	X							
		Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	large shrub or small tree	-3 m (10 m)			■					X	X	X	X	X							
		Pin Cherry	<i>Prunus pennsylvanica</i>	large shrub or small tree	12 m					■			X	X	X	X	X							
		Sandcherry	<i>Prunus pumila</i>	prostrate or low shrub	2 m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X						O	S
		Wild plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	large shrub or small tree	8-10 m					?	?		X	X	X	X	X							
THR		Common Hoptree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	large shrub or small tree	5 m +					■			X	o	o									S
		Dwarf Chinquapin Oak	<i>Quercus prinoides</i>	large shrub or small tree	3 m					■		X	X											
		Alder-leaved buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	shrub	< 1 m			?	?	?					X	X	X						O	

Deciduous shrubs cont'd

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		Fragrant sumac	Rhus aromatica	low shrub	<1.5 m					■		X	X	X											S
		Poison Sumac	Rhus vernix	low shrub	3-5 m					■					X	X	X								O
		Shining Sumac	Rhus copallina	low shrub	0.9 - 1.2 m					■		X	X												
		Smooth Sumac	Rhus glabra	erect shrub	3m					■		X	X												
		Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	large shrub or small tree	6 m +					■		X	X	X											
		Pasture rose	Rosa carolina	low shrub	< 1 m					?		X	X												
		Prairie rose	Rosa setigera	shrub	1-3 m					?		X	X	X	X	X									
		Prickly wild rose	Rosa acicularis	low shrub	< 1 m					?		X	X	X	X	X									S
		Smooth wild rose	Rosa blanda	low shrub	< 1 m					?		X	X	X	X										
		Swamp rose	Rosa palustris	shrub	2 m +					?							X	X							O
		Sweetbrier	Rosa eglanteria	shrub	2 m +					?		X	X	X	X										
		Autumn Willow	Salix serissima	shrub	2-4 m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X								S
		Balsam Willow	Salix pyrifolia	large shrub or small tree	6 m					■				X	X	X	X								O
		Bebb's Willow	Salix bebbiana	large shrub or small tree	8m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X								O
		Black Willow	Salix nigra	large shrub or small tree	3 - 20 m					■				X	X	X									O
		Blue-leaved Willow	Salix myricoides	erect shrub	1-3 m					■		X	X	X	X	X									
		Bog Willow	Salix pedicellaris	low shrub	<1 m					■							X								O
		Heart-leaved Willow	Salix cordata	spreading shrub	1-3 m					■				X	X	X									
		Peachleaf Willow	Salix amygdaloides	large shrub or small tree	10-20 m					■				X	X	X									
		Pussy Willow	Salix discolor	large shrub or small tree	2-6 m					■				X	X	X									
		Sage-leaved Willow	Salix candida	shrub	<2-3 m					■						X	X								O
		Sandbar Willow	Salix exigua	spreading shrub	>3 m					■				X	X	X									
		Shining Willow	Salix lucida	large shrub or small tree	3-6; 10 m					■				X	X	X	X								O
		Slender Willow	Salix petiolaris	low shrub	1-3 m					■		X	X	X	X	X									
		Upland Willow	Salix humilis	low shrub	1-3 m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X								O
		Willow	Salix eriocephala	shrub	3-4 m					■				X	X	X									
		Willow	Salix pellita	shrub	4 m					■				X	X	X									
		American Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	erect shrub	1-3 m					■	■	X	X	X	o	o									
		Red Elderberry	Sambucus racemosa	erect shrub	4 m			■				X	X	X											O S
		Buffalo berry	Sheperdia canadensis	low shrub	2 m					?		X	X	X	X										S
		American Mountain Ash	Sorbus americana	large shrub or small tree	3-10 m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X								O S
		Showy Mountain Ash	Sorbus decora	large shrub or small tree	10 m					■		X	X	X	X	X	X								O S

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		Broad-leaved meadowsweet	<i>Spirea latifolia</i>	shrub	1.5 m																				
		Narrow-leaved meadowsweet	<i>Spirea alba</i>	erect shrub	1.5 m					?					X	X	X	X	X						
Deciduous shrubs cont'd		Steeple-bush	<i>Spirea tomentosa</i>	erect shrub	1 m +					?					X	X	X	X	X					S	
		Bladdernut	<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	erect shrub	5 m					?					X	X	X	X	X						S
		Snowberry	<i>Symphiocarpus albus</i>	spreading shrub	< 1 m					?	?				X	X									S
		High bush blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	shrub	2-3 m					?					X	X	X	X	X						
		Downy arrow-wood	<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	spreading shrub	<1.5m					■					X	X	X	X	X						
	ref	High-bush cranberry	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	erect shrub	3-4 m					■					X	X	X	X	X						O
		Hobble-bush	<i>Viburnum alnifolium</i>	spreading shrub	<2 m					■					X	X	X	X	X						
		Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	large shrub or small tree	6 m +					■					X	X	X	X	X						O
		Southern arrow-wood	<i>Viburnum recognitum</i>	erect shrub	3 m +					■					X	X	X	X	X						
		Wild raisin	<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	erect shrub	4-5 m					■					X	X	X	X	X						
		Prickly Ash	<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>	erect spreading shrub	3 m					■	■				X	X	X	X	X						
Vines		Trumpet creeper	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	vine	5 m					?					X	X	X	X	X						
		Hairy Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera hirsuta</i>	vine	3 m		■	■	■						o	o	o	o	X	X	X				S
		Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus vitacea</i>	vine	10 m +					?					X	X	X								S
		Poison Ivy	<i>Rhus radicans</i>	vine or low shrub	15 m; 1 m					■					X	X	X	X							S
		Fox grape	<i>Vitis labrusca</i>	vine	6 m +					■					X	X	X	X	X						
		Riverbank grape	<i>Vitis riparia</i>	vine	5 m +					■					X	X	X	X	X						
		Summer grape	<i>Vitis aestivalis</i>	vine	5-10 m					■					X	X	X	X	X						