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Trees Native to the Mid-Atlantic (in bloom sequence)

- [Downy Serviceberry \(*Amelanchier arborea*\)](#)
- [Pawpaw \(*Asimina triloba*\)](#)
- [Eastern Redbud \(*Cercis canadensis*\)](#)
- [Sassafras \(*Sassafras albidum*\)](#)
- [Flowering Dogwood \(*Cornus florida*\)](#)
- [Pagoda Dogwood \(*Cornus alternifolia*\)](#)
- [Fringetree \(*Chionanthus virginicus*\)](#)
- [Sweetbay Magnolia \(*Magnolia virginiana*\)](#)

Shrubs Native to the Mid-Atlantic (in bloom sequence)

- *Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)*
- *Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)*
- *Pinxterbloom Azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)*
- *Black Haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)*
- *Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)*
- *Common Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)*
- *New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)*
- *Strawberry-bush (*Euonymus americanus*)*
- *Wild Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)*
- *Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)*
- *Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)*
- *Possum-haw (*Viburnum nudum*)*
- *Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)*
- *Common Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)*
- *Great Rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*)*
- *Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus americanus*)*
- *Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)*
- *American Beauty-berry (*Callicarpa americana*)*
- *Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)*
- *Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)*

Shrubs Native Outside Northern Virginia

- *Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)*
- *Steeplebush (*Spiraea tomentosa*)*
- *Coastal Doghobble (*Leucothoe axillaris*)*
- *Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*)*
- *Sweet-shrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)*
- *Dwarf Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenii*)*
- *Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)*



Resources

MGNV recorded classes on other woody plants:

- [“Keystone Species of Native Plants”](#) (Section on top woody plants begins at 0:07:08)
- [“Native Vines for the Home Garden”](#) (Description of plants begins at 0:16:59)

Additional MGNV recorded classes on pollinators:

- [“Partnering with Pollinators”](#) (Emphasis on herbaceous plants & best practices)
- [“Small Space Gardening for Pollinators”](#) (Plants for small gardens & containers)
- [“Welcoming Butterflies to Your Garden”](#) (Plants & best practices)

Other MGNV resources:

- [Best Bets for Pollinators](#) (Fact Sheet)
- [Blog Posts on Pollinators](#)
- [For the Birds, Butterflies & Hummingbirds: Creating Inviting Habitats](#)

Books & Online Charts on Pollinators by Heather Holm:

- *Bees: An Identification and Native Plants Forage Guide*
- *Pollinators of Native Plants*
- *Wasps: Their Biology, Diversity, and Role as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants*
- [Mid-Atlantic Planting and Wasp Observation Guide](#)
- [Native Trees & Shrubs for Pollinators](#)

More resources on bees:

- [Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees](#)
- [Pollen Specialist Bees of the Eastern United States](#) (List of bees & plants)
- [U. S. Geological Survey Bee Inventory](#) (Incredible macro photos)

