

**Top rated tree species for our region,  
based on their ability to host the  
largest numbers of Lepidoptera  
(butterfly and moth) species  
(valuable baby bird food)**



Tree	Lepidoptera species	Tree	Lepidoptera species
Oak ( <i>Quercus</i> )	519	Sumac ( <i>Rhus</i> )	55
Cherry, plum ( <i>Prunus</i> )	485	Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros</i> )	48
Willow ( <i>Salix</i> )	386	Hackberry ( <i>Celtis</i> )	47
Birch ( <i>Betula</i> )	381	Honey Locust ( <i>Gleditsia</i> )	44
Aspen, poplar, cottonwood ( <i>Populus</i> )	331	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus</i> )	44
Maple, box elder ( <i>Acer</i> )	293	Buckeye ( <i>Aesculus</i> )	37
Crabapple ( <i>Malus</i> )	287	Blackgum ( <i>Nyssa</i> )	36
Hickory ( <i>Carya</i> )	244	Sweetgum ( <i>Liquidambar</i> )	36
Pine ( <i>Pinus</i> )	243	Juniper ( <i>Juniperus</i> )	34
Alder ( <i>Alnus</i> )	232	Sassafras ( <i>Sassafras</i> )	30
Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus</i> )	166	Redbud ( <i>Cercis</i> )	24
Basswood, Linden ( <i>Tilia</i> )	160	Magnolia ( <i>Magnolia</i> )	20
Walnut ( <i>Juglans</i> )	141	Tulip Tree ( <i>Liriodendron</i> )	20
Beech ( <i>Fagus</i> )	134	Fringe Tree ( <i>Chionanthus</i> )	10
Spruce ( <i>Picea</i> )	128	Pawpaw ( <i>Asimina</i> )	10
Dogwood ( <i>Cornus</i> )	124	Catalpa ( <i>Catalpa</i> )	9
Serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier</i> )	113	Silverbell ( <i>Halesia</i> )	9
Ironwood ( <i>Ostrya</i> )	97	Smoketree ( <i>Cotinus</i> )	5
American Hornbeam ( <i>Carpinus</i> )	76	Kentucky Coffee Tree ( <i>Gymnocladus</i> )	3

