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Eastern red cedar

Juniperus virginiana

- This evergreen tree has **red** heartwood (wood under the bark).
- This dioecious species (separate male and female trees) has a pyramidal shape when young and is a great hedge and windbreak option.
- Female trees produce small, round, gray to light blue, berry-like cones consumed by birds and small mammals.



Alternate leaf dogwood

Cornus alternifloria

- This is a small, deciduous tree, sometimes planted as a shrub.
- Its horizontal branches give it a layered appearance.
- Clusters of fragrant flowers bloom May June, followed by **blue**-black fruit, which ripen in late summer, providing food for birds and other wildlife.



Eastern white pine

Pinus strobus

- This tree is a long-needled evergreen conifer with a narrow, columnar shape where the branches grow in upright fashion.
- They can reach a height of 40 feet.
- Its bundles of five needles are soft to the touch and appear **bluish**-green.



White oak

Quercus alba

- This is a large deciduous tree that matures with wide-spreading branches. It is habitat for insects.
- Greenish-yellow flowers bloom in April and the acorns are a valuable food source for wildlife.
- This is a great pick for a shade tree for a large yard, but make sure the tree has lots of room!



Red elderberry

Sambucus racemose

- This bush has clusters of creamy-white flowers that bloom from May – June, providing nectar for native pollinators.
- These berries are poisonous; inedible to humans, but an food source for birds, while the hollow stems offer nest sites and nest materials to native bees.
- This bush attracts beneficial predatory insects, which prey on garden insect pests.



Black cherry

Prunus serotina

- This is a medium-large, flowering shade tree with white flowers that bloom in May, followed by small, edible berries.
- The fruit can be used to make wine and jelly.
- It is a host plant for butterfly and moth larvae, including the eastern tiger swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*) and the Promethea moth (*Callosamia promethea*).



Common winterberry

Ilex verticillate

- This deciduous holly has very showy, bright red, berry-like fruits from late fall through winter.
- It has greenish-white flowers that are a nectar source for pollinators from June July.
- It is also a host plant for butterfly and moth larvae (caterpillars) and the berries are eaten by wildlife during harsh winters.



Common juniper

Juniperus communis

- The oil from this trees' fleshy cones is used as flavoring for gin.
- The awl-shaped leaves are sharply pointed and spread at a wide angle from the base, in whorls of three.
- This tree has a colorful hue, blue-green in summer, yellow-green in winter, and female cones are a purplish-black berry-like cone with a bloomy, blue waxy coating.



Prairie crabapple

Malus ioensis

- A miniature fruit tree that grows to 35 ft.
 with a dense, irregular form with spreading branches, and a broad, open crown.
- The exfoliating bark reveals silvery-gray whitish inner bark.
- The large, **white** or pink flowers grow in clusters that cover the tree.



