



NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS FOR NEBRASKA

Native plants withstand Nebraska's tough climate extremes and serve as vital habitat for wildlife like birds, butterflies, and bees.

NOTE: "Nearly native" signifies a species that is native within 100 miles of Nebraska's border and/or now naturalized within the state.

Common Native Trees

Acer negundo - boxelder maple
Acer saccharinum - silver maple
Aesculus glabra - Ohio buckeye
Carya cordiformis - bitternut hickory
Carya ovata - shagbark hickory
Celtis occidentalis - hackberry
Cercis canadensis - eastern redbud
Crataegus mollis - downy hawthorn
Fraxinus pennsylvanica - green ash (NOT recommended due to emerald ash borer)
Gleditsia triacanthos - honeylocust
Gymnocladus dioica - Kentucky coffeetree
Juglans nigra - black walnut
Juniperus scopulorum - Rocky Mountain juniper
Juniperus virginiana - eastern redcedar
Ostrya virginiana - hophornbeam (ironwood)
Pinus ponderosa - ponderosa pine
Platanus occidentalis - sycamore
Populus deltoides - eastern cottonwood
Prunus serotina - black cherry
Quercus macrocarpa - bur oak
Quercus muehlenbergii - chinkapin oak
Quercus rubra - red oak
Salix amygdaloides - peachleaf willow
Tilia americana - American linden (basswood)
Ulmus americana - American elm
Ulmus rubra - slippery elm

Uncommon Native Trees

Acer glabrum - Rocky Mountain maple
Asimina triloba - pawpaw
Betula occidentalis - water birch
Betula papyrifera - paper birch
Fraxinus americana - white ash (NOT recommended due to emerald ash borer)
Malus ioensis - wild crabapple
Morus rubra - red mulberry
Pinus flexilis - limber pine
Populus x acuminata - lanceleaf cottonwood
Populus angustifolia - narrowleaf cottonwood
Populus tremuloides - quaking aspen
Quercus alba - white oak
Quercus marilandica - blackjack oak
Quercus prinoides - dwarf chinkapin oak
Quercus velutina - black oak
Ulmus thomasi - rock elm

Native Shrubby Trees

Amelanchier arborea - shadblow serviceberry (juneberry)
Crataegus succulenta - succulent hawthorn
Prunus americana - American (wild) plum
Prunus mexicana - big-tree (Mexican) plum
Prunus virginiana - chokecherry
Salix eriocephala - Missouri River (diamond) willow
Salix nigra - black willow
Viburnum lentago - nannyberry viburnum

Nearly Native Trees

Acer nigrum - black maple
Acer saccharum - sugar maple
Carya glabra - pignut hickory
Carya illinoensis - pecan
Carya laciniata - shellbark hickory
Carya tomentosa - mockernut hickory
Catalpa speciosa - northern catalpa
Diospyros virginiana - persimmon
Picea glauca var. densata - Black Hills spruce
Picea pungens - Colorado spruce
Pinus contorta - lodgepole pine
Pinus edulis - pinyon pine
Quercus bicolor - swamp white oak
Quercus ellipsoidalis - northern pin oak
Quercus imbricaria - shingle oak
Quercus shumardii - shumard oak
Quercus stellata - post oak
Robinia pseudoacacia - black locust

Native & Nearly Native Shrubs

Amelanchier alnifolia - Saskatoon serviceberry
Amelanchier humilis - low serviceberry
Amorpha canescens - lead plant
Amorpha fruticosa - false indigo (indigo-bush)
Amorpha nana - dwarf indigo
Artemisia cana - silver sagebrush
Artemisia filifolia - sand sagebrush
Artemisia frigida - fringed sagebrush
Artemisia tridentata - big sagebrush
Atriplex canescens - four-wing saltbush
Ceanothus americanus - New Jersey tea
Ceanothus herbaceus - inland ceanothus
Cephalanthus occidentalis - buttonbush
Cercocarpus montanus - mountain mahogany
Chrysothamnus nauseosus - rabbitbrush



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Chrysothamnus parryi - parry rabbitbrush
Cornus amomum - silky (pale) dogwood
Cornus drummondii - roughleaf dogwood
Cornus racemosa - gray dogwood
Cornus sericea - red-stem (redosier) dogwood
Corylus americana - American hazelnut
Euonymus atropurpureus - eastern wahoo
Juniperus communis - common juniper
Juniperus horizontalis - creeping juniper
Mahonia repens - creeping mahonia
Physocarpus opulifolius - ninebark
Prunus americana - American (wild) plum
Prunus besseyi - western sandcherry
Prunus virginiana - chokecherry
Quercus prinoides - dwarf chinkapin oak
Rhamnus lanceolata - lanceleaf buckthorn
Rhus aromatica - fragrant sumac
Rhus copallina - flameleaf (shining) sumac
Rhus glabra - smooth sumac
Rhus trilobata - skunkbush sumac
Ribes americanum - wild black currant
Ribes cereum - western red (wax) currant
Ribes missouriense - Missouri gooseberry
Ribes odoratum - buffalo (clove) currant
Ribes oxycanthoides - bristly gooseberry
Ribes setosum - redshoot gooseberry
Rosa acicularis - prickly rose
Rosa arkansana - Arkansas (prairie) rose
Rosa blanda - meadow (smooth wild) rose
Rosa setigera - prairie (climbing) rose
Rosa woodsii - woods (western wild) rose
Rubus allegheniensis - common blackberry
Rubus flagellaris - northern dewberry
Rubus idaeus - red raspberry
Rubus occidentalis - black raspberry
Rubus pubescens - dwarf blackberry
Salix bebbiana - beaked willow
Salix eriocephala - Missouri River (diamond) willow
Salix exigua - coyote willow
Salix humilis - prairie willow
Salix lutea - yellow (diamond) willow
Shepherdia argentea - silver buffaloberry
Salix interior - sandbar willow
Salix petiolaris - meadow willow
Sambucus canadensis - elderberry
Sarcobatus vermiculatus - black greasewood
Symphoricarpos albus - common snowberry
Symphoricarpos occidentalis - western snowberry
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus - coralberry (buckbush)
Viburnum lentago - nannyberry viburnum
Zanthoxylum americanum - common prickly-ash

Native & Nearly Native Woody Vines

Ampelopsis cordata - raccoon grape
Celastrus scandens - American bittersweet
Lonicera dioica - limber honeysuckle
Parthenocissus quinquefolia - Virginia creeper
Parthenocissus vitacea - woodbine
Smilax hispida - bristly greenbriar
Toxicodendron radicans - poison ivy
Toxicodendron rydbergii - poison ivy
Vitis aestivalis - pigeon grape
Vitis cinerea - winter grape
Vitis riparia - riverbank grape
Vitis vulpina - frost grape

Common Names Cross Reference

ash, green - *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (not recommended due to emerald ash borer)
 ash, white - *Fraxinus Americana* (not recommended due to emerald ash borer)
 aspen, quaking - *Populus tremuloides*
 birch, paper - *Betula papyrifera*
 birch, water - *Betula occidentalis*
 bittersweet, American - *Celastrus scandens*
 blackberry, common - *Rubus allegheniensis*
 blackberry, dwarf - *Rubus pubescens*
 buckeye, Ohio - *Aesculus glabra*
 buckthorn, lanceleaf - *Rhamnus lanceolata*
 buffaloberry, silver - *Shepherdia argentea*
 buttonbush - *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
 catalpa - *Catalpa speciosa*
 cherry, black - *Prunus serotina*
 chokecherry - *Prunus virginiana*
 coffeetree, Kentucky - *Gymnocladus dioica*
 coralberry (buckbrush) - *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*
 cottonwood, eastern - *Populus deltoides*
 cottonwood, lanceleaf - *Populus × acuminata*
 cottonwood, narrowleaf - *Populus angustifolia*
 crabapple, wild (Iowa) - *Malus ioensis*
 currant, buffalo (clove) - *Ribes odoratum*
 currant, western red (wax) - *Ribes cereum*
 currant, wild black - *Ribes americanum*
 dewberry, northern - *Rubus flagellaris*
 dogwood, gray - *Cornus racemosa*
 dogwood, red-stem (redosier) - *Cornus sericea*
 dogwood, roughleaf - *Cornus drummondii*
 dogwood, silky (pale) - *Cornus amomum*
 eastern wahoo - *Euonymus atropurpureus*
 elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis*
 elm, American - *Ulmus americana*
 elm, rock - *Ulmus thomasi*
 elm, slippery - *Ulmus rubra*



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gooseberry, bristly - *Ribes oxycanthoides*
gooseberry, Missouri - *Ribes missouriense*
gooseberry, redshoot - *Ribes setosum*
grape, frost - *Vitis vulpina*
grape, pigeon - *Vitis aestivalis*
grape, raccoon - *Ampelopsis cordata*
grape, riverbank - *Vitis riparia*
grape, winter - *Vitis cinerea*
greasewood, black - *Sarcobatus vermiculatus*
greenbriar, bristly - *Smilax hispida*
hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*
hawthorn, downy - *Crataegus mollis*
hawthorn, succulent - *Crataegus succulenta*
hazelnut, American - *Corylus americana*
hickory, bitternut - *Carya cordiformis*
hickory, mockernut - *Carya tomentosa*
hickory, pignut - *Carya glabra*
hickory, shagbark - *Carya ovata*
hickory, shellbark - *Carya laciniosa*
honeylocust - *Gleditsia triacanthos*
honeysuckle, limber - *Lonicera dioica*
hophornbeam (ironwood) - *Ostrya virginiana*
indigo, dwarf - *Amorpha nana*
indigo, false (indigo-bush) - *Amorpha fruticosa*
juniper, common - *Juniperus communis*
juniper, creeping - *Juniperus horizontalis*
juniper, Rocky Mountain - *Juniperus scopulorum*
lead plant - *Amorpha canescens*
linden (basswood), American - *Tilia americana*
locust, black - *Robinia pseudoacacia*
mahogany, mountain - *Cercocarpus montanus*
mahonia, creeping - *Mahonia repens*
maple, black - *Acer nigrum*
maple, boxelder - *Acer negundo*
maple, Rocky Mountain - *Acer glabrum*
maple, silver - *Acer saccharinum*
maple, sugar - *Acer saccharum*
mulberry, red - *Morus rubra*
New Jersey tea - *Ceanothus americanus*
New Jersey tea (inland ceanothus) - *Ceanothus herbaceus*
ninebark - *Physocarpus opulifolius*
oak, black - *Quercus velutina*
oak, blackjack - *Quercus marilandica*
oak, bur - *Quercus macrocarpa*
oak, chinkapin - *Quercus muehlenbergii*
oak, dwarf chinkapin - *Quercus prinoides*
oak, northern pin - *Quercus ellipsoidalis*
oak, post - *Quercus stellata*
oak, red - *Quercus rubra*
oak, shingle - *Quercus imbricaria*
oak, shumard - *Quercus shumardii*
oak, swamp white - *Quercus bicolor*
oak, white - *Quercus alba*
pawpaw - *Asimina triloba*
pecan - *Carya illinoensis*
persimmon - *Diospyros virginiana*

pine, limber - *Pinus flexilis*
pine, lodgepole - *Pinus contorta*
pine, pinyon - *Pinus edulis*
pine, ponderosa - *Pinus ponderosa*
plum, American (wild) - *Prunus americana*
plum, big-tree (Mexican) - *Prunus mexicana*
poison ivy - *Toxicodendron radicans*
poison ivy - *Toxicodendron rydbergii*
prickly-ash, common - *Zanthoxylum americanum*
rabbitbrush - *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*
rabbitbrush, parry - *Chrysothamnus parryi*
raspberry, black - *Rubus occidentalis*
raspberry, red - *Rubus idaeus*
redbud, eastern - *Cercis canadensis*
redcedar, eastern - *Juniperus virginiana*
rose, Arkansas (prairie) - *Rosa arkansana*
rose, meadow (smooth wild) - *Rosa blanda*
rose, prairie (climbing) - *Rosa setigera*
rose, prickly - *Rosa acicularis*
rose, woods (western wild) - *Rosa woodsia*
sagebrush, big - *Artemisia tridentata*
sagebrush, fringed - *Artemisia frigida*
sagebrush, sand - *Artemisia filifolia*
sagebrush, silver - *Artemisia cana*
saltbush, four-wing - *Atriplex canescens*
sandcherry, western - *Prunus besseyi*
serviceberry (juneberry), low - *Amelanchier humilis*
serviceberry (juneberry), Saskatoon - *Amelanchier alnifolia*
serviceberry (juneberry), shadblow - *Amelanchier arborea*
snowberry, common - *Symphoricarpos albus*
snowberry, western - *Symphoricarpos occidentalis*
spruce, Black Hills - *Picea glauca var. densata*
spruce, Colorado - *Picea pungens*
sumac, flameleaf (shining) - *Rhus copallina*
sumac, fragrant - *Rhus aromatica*
sumac, skunkbush - *Rhus trilobata*
sumac, smooth - *Rhus glabra*
sycamore - *Platanus occidentalis*
viburnum, nannyberry - *Viburnum lentago*
Virginia creeper - *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
walnut, black - *Juglans nigra*
willow, beaked - *Salix bebbiana*
willow, black - *Salix nigra*
willow, coyote - *Salix exigua*
willow, meadow - *Salix petiolaris*
willow, Missouri River (diamond) - *Salix eriocephala*
willow, peachleaf - *Salix amygdaloides*
willow, prairie - *Salix humilis*
willow, sandbar - *Salix interior*
willow, yellow (diamond) - *Salix lutea*
woodbine - *Parthenocissus vitacea*

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