

Friendly to wildlife - Safe around wires

As a part of CMP's vegetation management strategy, we understand the need for having the right tree in the right place. These 30 shrub and tree species provide excellent habitat and wildlife benefits, while not growing tall enough to interfere with our infrastructure especially with regular trimming. Please consider them for any plantings near a utility line!

Not only are these plants great for all of Maine's wildlife, but they are also fantastic alternatives to many invasive ornamental plants. While we did our best to highlight some of our favorite species, we recommend researching to find the right plant for you, your home, and your landscaping goals. Many of the species recognized here can be found growing naturally along our transmission corridors.



Pussy Willow
(*Salix discolor*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Beach Plum
(*Prunus maritima*)
Grows 6'-8' tall



Eastern Serviceberry
(*Amelanchier canadensis*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Common Elderberry
(*Sambucus canadensis*)
Grows 6'-13' tall



Spicebush
(*Lindera benzoin*)
Grows 3'-12' tall



American Mountain-ash
(*Sorbus americana*)
Grows 15'-30' tall



Pin Cherry
(*Prunus pensylvanica*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Winterberry
(*Ilex verticillata*)
Grows 6'-10' tall



American Hazelnut
(*Corylus americana*)
Grows 8'-10' tall



Chokecherry
(*Prunus virginiana*)
Grows 20'-25' tall



Canadian Yew
(*Taxus canadensis*)
Grows 2'-3' tall



Common Buttonbush
(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Grows 6'-10' tall



Hobblebush
(*Viburnum lantanoides*)
Grows 5'-10' tall



Common Snowberry
(*Symphoricarpos albus*)
Grows 3'-6' tall



Sheep Laurel
(*Kalmia angustifolia*)
Grows 2'-3' tall



Northern Bush Honeysuckle
(*Diervilla lonicera*)
Grows 1'-4' tall



Scarlet Elder
(*Sambucus racemosa*)
Grows 15'-20' tall



Mapleleaf Viburnum
(*Viburnum acerifolium*)
Grows 3'-6' tall



Mountain Maple
(*Acer spicatum*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Highbush Cranberry
(*Viburnum trilobum*)
Grows 10'-12' tall



Northern Bayberry
(*Myrica pennsylvanica*)
Grows 5'-10' tall



Wild Raisin
(*Viburnum cassinoides*)
Grows 6'-10' tall



Rhodora
(*Rhododendron canadense*)
Grows 1'-3' tall



Gray Dogwood
(*Cornus racemosa*)
Grows 10'-12' tall



**Cockspur Thorn or
Cockspur Hawthorn**
(*Crataegus crus-galli*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Wild Rose
(*Rosa virginia*)
Grows 2'-6' tall



American Hornbeam
(*Carpinus caroliniana*)
Grows 25'-30' tall



Common Witchhazel
(*Hamamelis virginiana*)
Grows 20'-30' tall



Nannyberry
(*Viburnum lentago*)
Grows 15'-20' tall



Staghorn Sumac
(*Rhus typhina*)
Grows 15'-20' tall

Plant the right tree in the right place

Powerlines carry high-voltage electricity, so it's important to plan for clearance around both distribution and transmission lines. Maintaining proper distance from the lines is key for both safety and reliability. For distribution lines around your home and neighborhood, consider low-growing shrubs not exceeding 15 feet in height. For transmission lines, the maximum height is 30 feet.

