Do you have trees on your property or in your community that create areas of dappled or deep shade?

Adding shrub and ground layers below trees adds cover for birds and other wildlife. Fruits and flowers of these plants also feed wildlife.

Use this plant list to create a woodland garden that benefits wildlife and creates a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape with a sense of place.

To create more wildlife value consider leaving 15-foot standing snags when trees must be taken down, as well as logs on the ground. Woodpeckers and salamanders will thank you!

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**Shrub layer**

- Witch hazel
- Gray dogwood
- Inkberry
- Winterberry
- Mountain laurel
- Spicebush
- Elderberry
- Highbush blueberry
- Maple-leaved arrowwood

- Cornus racemose
- Ilex glabra
- Ilex verticillate
- Kalmia latifolia
- Lindera benzoin
- Sambucus nigra
- Vaccinium corymbosum
- Viburnum acerifolium

**Ground layer**

- Blue wood sedge
- Bottlebrush grass
- Christmas fern
- Sensitive fern
- Blue-stem goldenrod
- Tickseed sunflower
- White wood aster
- Mayapple
- Jack in the pulpit
- Spring beauty
- Wild bleeding heart
- Trout lily
- Alumroot
- Solomon’s seal
- Golden ragwort
- Smooth beardtongue
- Bloodroot
- Trillium
- Violet

- Carex glaucodea
- Elymus hystrix
- Polystichum acrostichoides
- Onoclea sensibilis
- Solidago caesia
- Bidens aristosa
- Eurybia divaricata
- Podophyllum peltatum
- Arisaema triphyllum
- Claytonia virginica
- Dicentra eximia
- Erythronium americanum
- Heuchera Americana
- Polygonatum biflorum
- Packera aurea
- Penstemon laevigatus
- Sanguinaria candadensis
- Trillium grandiflorum
- Viola sororia