

# Texas Native Plants that Provide Food\* for Eastern Bluebirds



## \*Berries

|                                      | Scientific Name                              | Common Name**                  | Favorite |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Trees</b>                         | <i>Celtis laevigata</i>                      | sugarberry, southern hackberry |          |
|                                      | <i>Cornus drummondii</i>                     | roughleaf dogwood              | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>                  | eastern red cedar              | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Juniperus ashei</i>                       | Ashe's juniper, mountain cedar |          |
|                                      | <i>Juniperus pinchotii</i>                   | redberry juniper               |          |
|                                      | <i>Morus rubra</i>                           | red mulberry                   |          |
|                                      | <i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>eximia</i>    | escarpment black cherry        | ✓        |
| <b>Shrubs, Vines and Small Trees</b> | <i>Ampelopsis arborea</i>                    | peppervine                     |          |
|                                      | <i>Crataegus opaca</i>                       | western mayhaw                 |          |
|                                      | <i>Callicarpa americana</i>                  | American beautyberry           |          |
|                                      | <i>Capsicum annuum</i>                       | chile pequin, cayenne pepper   |          |
|                                      | <i>Cocculus carolinus</i>                    | Carolina snailseed             | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Frangula caroliniana</i>                  | Carolina buckthorn             |          |
|                                      | <i>Ilex decidua</i>                          | possumhaw                      |          |
|                                      | <i>Ilex opaca</i>                            | American holly                 |          |
|                                      | <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>                        | yaupon                         | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Lantana urticoides</i>                    | Texas lantana                  | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i>                  | agarita                        |          |
|                                      | <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>           | Virginia creeper               | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Phytolacca americana</i>                  | American pokeweed              | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Prunus mexicana</i>                       | Mexican plum                   |          |
|                                      | <i>Rhus aromatica</i>                        | fragrant sumac                 |          |
|                                      | <i>Rhus copallinum</i> L.                    | winged sumac                   | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Rhus virens</i>                           | evergreen sumac                |          |
|                                      | <i>Rubus</i> spp.                            | blackberry and dewberry        | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i> | common elderberry              | ✓        |
|                                      | <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>            | coralberry                     |          |
| <i>Toxicodendron</i> spp.            | poison ivy                                   |                                |          |
| <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>            | rusty blackhaw                               |                                |          |
| <b>Other</b>                         | <i>Phoradendron leucarpum</i>                | oak mistletoe (parasite)       | ✓        |

The species on this list are native to parts but not necessarily all of Texas. Please check with your local native plant specialist to determine suitability in your eco-region. While other native plants are valuable to other wildlife and the ecosystem, this list answers the question, "What plants provide food for bluebirds in Texas?" If you know of species that should be added to or removed from this list, please notify the Texas Bluebird Society at [info@texasbluebirdsociety.org](mailto:info@texasbluebirdsociety.org). Find additional publications of Texas Bluebird Society in the "Resources" section at [www.texasbluebirdsociety.org](http://www.texasbluebirdsociety.org) ©Texas Bluebird Society