

Texas Native Plants that Provide Food* for Eastern Bluebirds



*Berries

	Scientific Name	Common Name**	Favorite
Trees	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	common serviceberry	✓
	<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	✓
Shrubs, Vines and Small Trees	<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		
Other	<i>Phoradendron leucarpum</i>	oak mistletoe (parasite)	✓

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Texas Native Plants that Attract Food* for Eastern Bluebirds



*Insects & Spiders

Scientific Name	Common Name**
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow (P)
<i>Allium sp.</i>	Wild Onions (P)
<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	Milkweeds (P)
<i>Castilleja spp.</i>	Paintbrushes (P)
<i>Centaurea americana</i>	American Basket-flower (A)
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush (P)
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Partridge Pea (A)
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow (P)
<i>Conoclinium spp.</i>	Mistflowers, Wild Ageratum (P)
<i>Dalea sp.</i>	Prairie Clovers (P)
<i>Echinacea spp.</i>	Purple Coneflowers (P)
<i>Eryngium spp.</i>	Rattlesnake Master, Eryngo (P)
<i>Helianthus spp.</i>	Sunflowers (A & P)
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possumhaw Holly (P)
<i>Lantana urticoides</i>	Texas Lantana (P)
<i>Liatris spp.</i>	Gayfeather, Blazing Star (P)
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral honeysuckle (P)
<i>Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii</i>	Turk's Cap (P)
<i>Marshallia caespitosa</i>	Barbara's Buttons (P)
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Blackfoot Daisy (P)
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Passion Vine (P)
<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>	Prairie Parsley (B)
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickernelweed (P)
<i>Prunus spp.</i>	Cherry, Peach, Plum, Cherry Laurel (P)
<i>Pyrus</i> NOT NATIVE	Pear (P)
<i>Rosa</i> FEW ARE NATIVE	Scented Old Roses, Wild Roses (P)
<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Mealy Blue Sage (P)
<i>Solidago & Oligoneuron spp.</i>	Goldenrods (P)
<i>Symphotrichum spp.</i>	Asters (P)
<i>Verbena spp.</i>	Verbena (P)
<i>Verbesina spp.</i>	Frostweed, Crownbeard (P)
<i>Vernonia spp.</i>	Ironweeds (P)

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