



Native Trees and Shrubs of the Mid-Atlantic

Recommended Species
for Streamside Buffers



Shelters protect trees from deer, rodents, mowers, and herbicide.

TREES

- Sycamore
- Swamp white oak
- Black willow
- River birch

TREES (continued)

- Pin oak
- Black gum
- Red/silver maple
- Hackberry
- Tulip poplar
- Basswood/linden
- Honey locust
- Sweet gum
- Northern red cedar
- Persimmon
- Box elder



Nets placed over shelters protect birds from getting trapped inside tree tubes. Photo: Lancaster Farming photo by Dick Wanner

SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

- Red osier/silky/gray dogwood
- Arrowwood viburnum
- Sweetbay magnolia
- American plum
- Serviceberry
- Redbud
- Hornbeam
- Black and red chokeberry
- Elderberry
- Speckled and smooth alders
- Shrub willow species

The Stroud Center helps with site maintenance while trees are young. Photo: Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program



HONORABLE MENTIONS

Many native species, in addition to those listed, may also thrive if they are adapted to your site. Some of these may include:

- Eastern cottonwood
- Bitternut hickory
- Bigtooth aspen
- Ninebark
- Buttonbush
- Spicebush
- Winterberry
- American cranberrybush
- Other viburnums
- Hazelnut
- Pawpaw



Elderberries support pollinators and offer abundant fruit.

RESOURCES

Tree health depends on tree care. For additional guidance on how we help landowners establish and maintain streamside buffers, go to:

stroudcenter.org/restoration/resources



Many small trees and shrubs have beautiful blooms, like this redbud.