

# **Native Shrubs of** Knoxville



## Bottlebrush buckeye (Aesculus)

Tall, cylindrical spikes of feathery white flowers with pink stamens. Flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies.



## Red/black chokeberry (*Aronia*)

Intermediate food source for birds. They have dark green, glossy leaves that consistently turn a rich, orange-red in fall.



#### Buttonbush (Cephalanthus)

Flowers attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. Waterfowl such as ducks enjoy the seeds.



# Swamp mallow (*Hibiscus*)

The creamy-white flowers have a conspicuous band of red or burgundy at their bases, which attracts hummingbirds.



#### St. John's wort (*Hypericum*)

Smooth, dark to blue-green fine-textured foliage becomes yellow-green in fall. Large yellow flowers occur in few-flowered clusters.



### Winged sumac (Rhus)

Winter food for many upland gamebirds, songbirds and mammals. Wildlife eat the fruit while deer also browse the twigs.



#### Bladdernut (*Staphylea*)

This large shrub has bell-shaped flowers; dark green, trifoliate leaves; greenish bark with white cracks; and interesting fruit.



#### Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium*)

Berries are relished by most birds and mammals including, of course, humans. The foliage ranges in color over the year.



The long tassels of white flowers and red fall foliage make this an attractive ornamental.



#### Beautyberry (*Callicarpa*)

Virginia sweetspire (*Itea*)

Its most striking feature is the clusters of glossy, iridescent-purple fruit, which is a great wildlife food source.



## Hearts-a-bustin' (*Euonymus*)

This airy, deciduous shrub grows 6-12 ft. tall. Its ridged twigs become purplish when exposed to the sun.



# Wild hydrangea (Hydrangea)

Small, mound-shaped densely multistemmed shrub. 3-6 ft. tall, often broader than high at maturity.



# Spicebush (*Lindera*)

Very attractive to birds and butterflies. Provides a larval host for Eastern Tiger and Spicebush Swallowtail.



# **Elderberry (Sambucus)**

Berries are relished by many bird species and mammals. Deer eat twigs and leaves.



# Coralberry (Symphoricarpos)

Songbirds, ground birds, small mammals, and browsers use this plant for food, cover, and nesting sites.



## Mapleleaf viburnum (Viburnum)

The distinctive, purplish-pink autumn foliage makes this a beautiful shrub. Birds eat the berries.





