WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)

EVERGREEN SHRUBS:

GROUP 1.

LEAVES ARE NEEDLES or SCALES.



1 Juniperus horizontalis TRAILING JUNIPER: 2 Juniperus communis Plants have a creeping habit; some leaves are needles but most are Erect shrub or tree (up to 3 m tall); needles whorled on stem; scales with a whitish coat; fruit a bluish-whitish berry-like cone; male cones on separate plants; grows in sandy soils.

COMMON JUNIPER: fruit a bluish or black berry-like cone; grows only in dunes/bluffs bordering Lake Michigan.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 2.

LEAVES COMPOUND (more than one leaflet per stalk).

STEMS ARMED.



Mature plant with long-arching stems; sparse prickles; leaflets usually 3, but sometimes 5; styles (female pollen tube) fused into a column; stipules narrow to tip.



Upright shrub; stems very thorny; leaflets 5-7; sepals fall from mature fruit; fruit smooth, red berry-like hips; grows in wet and open ditches, bogs, and swamps.





PASTURE ROSE:



5 Rosa carolina

Upright shrub; leaflets 5-7; stipules flat and pointed; flowers are solitary; buds and fruits w/ glandular hairs; grows in dry habitat.

6 Rosa blanda

EARLY WILD ROSE:

Stems mostly smooth; prickles may be present at plant base; leaflets 5-7 with soft hairy underside; flowers are solitary and bloom starting mid-May.

A Selection of Native Shrubs and Noteworthy Non-Native Shrubs **WEB VERSION Shrubs** of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)









7 Rosa multiflora

MULTIFLORA ROSE:

8 Rubus hispidus

SWAMP DEWBERRY:

feathered; many white flowers; styles fused into column; compare fruit black. with R. setigera.

Non-native, invasive; arching, prickly stems; leaflets 7-9; stipules Plant ankle-high with bristly trailing stems; leaflets 3, small (< 5 cm long); leaves evergreen; ripe











9 Rubus flagellaris

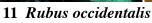
COMMON DEWBERRY: 10 Rubus odoratus

PURPLE FLOWERING RASPBERRY:

Plant ankle-high and trailing; large prickles; leaflets 3 (usually) to 5; terminal leaflet with short stem and stipules; leaf undersides not velvety; mature fruit black.

Leaves maple-like, simple, 3-5 lobed with toothed margins; large leaves (< 26 cm long) and flowers (3-6 cm wide); purple flowers; fruit red, leaving a white knob (receptacle) when picked. In contrast, blackberries and dewberries detach from plant w/ receptacle inside in the fruit.





12 Rubus allegheniensis COMMON BLACK-BERRY: stems angular and dangerously thorny; stout prickles have broad base; 3-7 leaflets palmately compound; leaf and flower stalks w/ glandular hairs; fruit black.



BLACK RASPBERRY:

Stems and leaf undersides have a whitish coat; new stems have soft prickles, but otherwise prickles are stout, hooked; leaflets usually 3 (palmately compound if 5); leaf margin doubly toothed; fruit purpleblack. A similar species, Rubus idaeus strigosus (red raspberry) has red fruit and lacks whitish coat.

PRICKLY ASH:

A Selection of Native Shrubs and Noteworthy Non-Native Shrubs **WEB VERSION**

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



13 Rubus pensilvanicus yankee blackberry: 14 Xanthoxylum americanum

Stems with straight spines; leaflets 5-7; leaf undersides softly hairy and margins toothed or doubly toothed; fruit black.

Member of the citrus family with aromatic leaves; branches with paired spines; 5-11 leaflets; grows in dry-mesic woods.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 3.

LEAVES COMPOUND (more than one leaflet per stalk).

STEMS WITHOUT THORNS or SPINES.



15 Potentilla fruticosa (Dasiphora floribunda) 16 Amorpha canescens SHRUBBY CINQUEFOIL: leaflets 5-7, pinnately compound; leaf margins roll outward; in our region grows only in fens and coastal wetlands.



LEAD PLANT: Shrub up to waist high; plant has grayish appearance; grows in prairies. Comparatively, A. fruticosa (indigo bush) is an overhead shrub with hairless leaf undersides and grows in wetlands and floodplains.





17 Staphylea trifolia

Branches greenish striped with white, corky spots; leaflets pointed; terminal leaflet on a long-stalk, while lateral leaflets barely stalked; flower clusters at leaf nodes drooping; fruit a 3-lobed papery, inflated capsule.

ELDERBERRY: 5-9 pinnately compound leaflets; twigs have white pith; large, spreading inflorescence w/

18 Sambucus canadensis BLADDERNUT:

white flowers; fruit is dark purple.

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network - Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



19 Ptelea trifoliata

WAFER ASH: Three leaflets (< 15 cm long each); terminal leaflet largest and short-branched; fruit odor of hops; plant grows in sand dunes and bedrock soil. P. trifoliata mollis (downy wafer ash) has fuzzy leaves and aromatic flowers attracting early evening moths.

20 Aralia nudicaulis

WILD SARSAPARILLA: Plant barely knee high; dies back to ground each year; purplish cast to foliage, especially in spring and fall; leaves pinnately compound; leaflets large (< 13 cm long); leaf margins toothed; flowers clumped on 3 spheres. A. racemosa (spikenard) reaches several meters tall and has large, spreading leaves; fruit reminiscent of rootbeer flavor.



21 Rhus aromatica

DWARF FRAGRANT SUMAC: Pungent smell when bruised; 3 small leaflets (< 4 cm long); leaf margin lobed and soft hairy; fruit red and hairy; primarily found in sand prairies and dunes, though also bedrock exposures. Distinguished from the highly allergenic climbing vine, Rhus radicans (poison ivy), which has

a more angular leaf margin and white berries

Branches covered in tan, velvety hairs; leaflets 13-27 with toothed margins; fruits red and densely hairy.



23 Rhus copallina latifolia Shining Sumac: 24 Rhus glabra

Branches covered in ashy, soft hairs; leaflets 9-23 with smooth margins; leaf axis winged; fruits red and densely hairy; found only in sandy soil.

Branches with whitish coat and not hairy; leaflets 11-13 with toothed margins; fruits red and densely hairy.



Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



SHRUBS:

DECIDUOUS

GROUP 4.

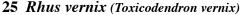
LEAVES SIMPLE (one leaf per stalk).

LEAVES OPPOSITE.

LEAF MARGIN EN-TIRE (no teeth).



26 Image illustrates the ability of dogwood (Cornus sp.) leaves to hold together by "strings" in the leaf veins when torn.



Causes skin rash in most people; bark with smooth whitish coat, but without hairs; leaflets 9-13; leaflets elliptical with smooth margins; terminal leaflet longer stalked than lateral leaflets; fruits grayish-white on red drooping stalk; grows in bogs.









27 Cornus racemosa

GRAY DOGWOOD: 28 Cornus obliqua

SILKY or BLUE-FRUITED DOGWOOD:

Freely sprouts from roots; branches gray with brown pith; young twigs reddish; leaves with 3-4 pairs of arcing veins; inflorescence as broad as high; fruits white on red branches.

Branches reddish-brown to grayish with orange-brown pith; young growth hairy; leaves with arcing veins; leaf underside pale with flattened hairs; fruits cobalt blue.



29 Cornus stolonifera (C. sericea)

RED-OSIER DOGWOOD:



Forms thickets; branches dark red with white pith; leaves with 5-7 pairs of viens and pale, often hairy undersides; fruits white or grayish. C. rugosa (round-leaved dogwood) has greenish branches with white pith, leaves with wooly undersides and pale blue fruits.

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network - Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), © Kenneth Dritz, © Sue Auerbach, © Melanie Gunn, © Sharon Shattuck, and © William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



SWAMP LOOSESTRIFE:

31 Decodon verticillatus

Almost always growing in shallow water; lower stems spongy; leaves opposite, whorled; flowers magenta, < 2.5 cm wide.

32 Hypericum kalmianum KALM'S ST. JOHN'S-WORT: exfoliating bark; leaves oblong, bluish-green, and dotted with glands; flowers yellow with many stamen; fruit a beaked capsule; found most often in wet sand near Lake Michigan.



33 Mitchella repens

PARTRIDGE BERRY: Plant has creeping habit; leaves a rounded heart shape with white

midrib; flowers are paired: 2 white tubular flowers w/ fused ovary; petals hairy; fruit red berry with 2 indentations.

34 Symphoricarpos albus

Branches sparsely, soft hairy; leaves rounded; style not exceeding RED HONEYSUCKLE: similar to petals (< 3 mm long); fruit bright white, often persisting into fall. S. occidentalis (wolfberry) style exceedes petals (> 3 mm) and fruit is greenish-white.

SNOWBERRY: 35 Lonicera dioica L. prolifera but more common near Lake Michigan, leaves thicker, and flowers tinged purple or brick-red.



YELLOW HONEYSUCKLE:

36 Lonicera prolifera

Sprawling vine; uppermost leaves fused into disk; lower leaves have a stalk; leaves w/ whitish coat; yellow flowers in clumps.

37 Lonicera maackii AMUR HONEYSUCKLE: Non-native, invasive; upright shrub; leaf tip pointed; leaf margin ciliate; flowers white, fading yellow. A similar invasive, L. tatarica (Tatarian honeysuckle) differs w/ early spring leaf emergence, brittle twigs, and varying pink flowers.

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), © Kenneth Dritz, © Sue Auerbach, © Melanie Gunn, © Sharon Shattuck, and © William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)

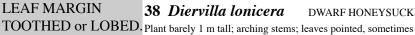
DECIDUOUS

SHRUBS:

GROUP 5.

LEAVES SIMPLE (one leaf per stalk).

LEAVES OPPOSITE.











38 Diervilla lonicera

fruit a dry, long-pointed vase shape with hairy tips.

hairy on lower surface; flowers yellow-red with spreading petals; scarlet fall leaf color.

DWARF HONEYSUCKLE: 39 Euonymus alatus Non-native, planted extensively; branches are corky-winged;











40 Euonymus atropurpureus

WAHOO: 41 Euonymus obovatus

RUNNING STRAWBERRY BUSH:

Fall leaf color dull red; flowers 4-parted, branching from leaf base; fruit striking red. A similar, but non-native species, E. europaeus (European spindle tree) has smooth branches and greenish-white flowers.

Plants trailing on ground, less than 10 cm tall; flowers 5-parted; fruit a warty capsule.







NANNYBERRY:





42 Viburnum lentago

Smells like dirty socks; branches and leaves smooth; leaves elliptic; leaf stalk has undulating, winged margin; mature fruit black with whitish coat.

43 Viburnum prunifolium

BLACK HAW:

Twigs stout; branches and leaves smooth (brown-scaly when young); very small leaves may be present below regular leaves; fruit blue-black.

A Selection of Native Shrubs and Noteworthy Non-Native Shrubs WEB VERSION Shrubs of the Chicago Dogion

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project),
© Kenneth Dritz, © Sue Auerbach, © Melanie Gunn, © Sharon Shattuck, and © William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse
and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross.
© Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



44 *Viburnum recognitum* (*V. dentatum lucidum*) SMOOTH ARROW-WOOD: Tall shrub; lower leaves on a twig have long stalks (> 1 cm) and lack stipules; leaf margin coarsely toothed. The more rare *V. dentatum* (southern arrow-wood) is similar but has hairy leaf stalks, while *V. rafinesquianum* (downy arrow-wood) has stipules and very short leaf stalks (0 - 5 mm long).

45 *Viburnum trilobum* HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY: May be extinct in the wild; leaves 3-lobed, coarse toothed, pointed; leaf upper-surface sparsely hairy; leaf stalk has columnar glands; marginal flowers in cluster are large and sterile; fruit is orange-red.



EUROPEAN HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY: non-native; leaves 3-lobed, coarse-toothed; leaf upper-surface not hairy; leaf stalk with saucer-shaped glands; marginal flowers sterile; fruit red, often remaining into winter.

Leaf palmately lobed, coarsely toothed; leaf lower surface w/ branched hairs; leaf stalks w/out glands; fruit purple-black at maturity.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 6.

PLANTS KNEE-HIGH OR LOWER.

LEAVES SIMPLE (one leaf per stalk).

LEAVES ALTERNATE.



48 Chimaphila maculata

SPOTTED WINTERGREEN: ankle-high evergreen; leaves whorled in 3's; leaf has white vein down center; fruit a brown, erect capsule.



49 *Chimaphila umbellata cisatlantica* PIPSISSEWA: ankle-high evergreen; leaves whorled; leaf leathery; fruit a depressed, round capsule.

WEB VERSION Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



50 Vaccinium angustifolium

EARLY LOW BLUEBERRY: Knee-high, colony forming shrub; leaves relatively short (< 3 cm long); leaf margins w/ finely spine-tipped teeth; fruit ripens about 2 weeks earlier than V. pallidum (late low blueberry); prefers sandy soils. V. corymbosum (highbush blueberry), a wetland species that quickly exceeds 1 m, may be seen further east in Indiana.

51 Vaccinium pallidum Late Low blueberry: Knee-high, colony-forming shrub; leaves usually 3-5 cm long and more than 1.5 cm wide, paler beneath; leaf margins smooth or finely toothed; prefers sandy soils.



52 Arctostaphylos uva-ursi coactalis

BEARBERRY: evergreen trailing shrub; leaf margins entire; mature fruit red; grows only on Lake Michigan dunes.

53 Gaultheria procumbens

Ankle-high evergreen woody plant; leaves thick, oval (> 1.5 cm long), tasting of mint; leaf margins subtly toothed below middle; fruit red.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 7.

PLANTS ERECT (quickly reaching heights greater than 40 cm).

LEAVES SIMPLE (one leaf per stalk).

LEAVES ALTERNATE.

LEAF MARGINS ENTIRE.









WINTERGREEN:

54 Gaylussacia baccata

Leaves have golden resin dots on both sides; leaf margins smooth; LEAVED DOGWOOD: shrub pagoda shaped w/horizontal branching; fruit has 10 seeds.

BOX HUCKLEBERRY: **55** Cornus alternifolia

ALTERNATE-

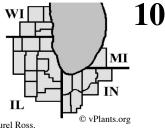
older twigs pale yellow; leaves have pale undersides, arcing venation, and may not always be alternate; fruit blue-black.

WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)









SPICEBUSH:





56 Lindera benzoin

Pronounced light spots on bark; leaves papery thin, widest near tip, and < 15 cm long; yellow flowers; aromatic flowers and fruit; mature fruit red.

57 Dirca palustris

LEATHERWOOD:

Shrub 2 m tall; twigs jointed at nodes; leaves elliptic, some with whitish coat; forms clusters of 2-4 tubular yellow flowers in early spring; fruit a red color.





DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 8.

PLANTS AS IN GROUP 7, BUT LEAF MARGINS TOOTHED or LOBED.

LEAF VENATION

FRUITS FLESHY.





58 Rhamnus frangula GLOSSY BUCKTHORN: PINNATE. Non-native, invasive; thornless; leaves glossy; leaf buds fuzzy; Non-native, invasive; one of the first shrubs to leaf-out in spring ripening fruit multi-colored. Our native buckthorns, R. alnifolia

and last to lose leaves in fall; stem tips sharp, almost thorn-like; many-flowered clusters; when cut, may sprout from roots.









61 Prunus americana



WILD PLUM:

60 Prunus virginiana

CHOKE CHERRY:

Branches often have dark colored fungal cankers; leaf margins toothed, but teeth not recurved; leaf stalk has minute glands; white flowers on terminal stalks in May.

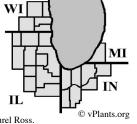
Often forms thickets in sun; twigs sharp; leaves glandless; leaf margins doubly toothed; mature fruits round and red. A similar species, P. nigra (Canada plum), differs in that the leaves have glands on toothed margins and stalk.

WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)









SAND CHERRY:





62 Prunus pumila

Sprawling shrub; leaf margins entire only in lower 1/3 of leaf; fruit tart; grows only in sandy soil. Another genus in the rose family, chokeberry (Aronia), is superficially remnicent of cherry (Prunus). dots; leaves widest above middle, but narrowed to tip; bright red The fruit of Aronia prunifolia is a black or red, multi-seeded pome.

63 Ilex verticillata

WINTERBERRY:

Male and female plants separate; branches gray w/ light, scattered fruit present from October until birds eat each fruit.

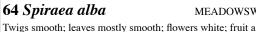
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 9.

PLANTS AS IN GROUP 7, BUT **LEAF MARGINS** TOOTHED or LOBED.

LEAF VENATION PINNATE.





smooth follicle.



MEADOWSWEET: 65 Spiraea tomentosa rosea

STEEPLE BUSH:

Leaf undersides w/ fine cobwebby, tangled red hairs; flowers magenta; fruit a hairy follicle; found growing in acid sand prairies and bogs.

FRUITS NON-FLESHY.



66 Comptonia peregrina

SWEET FERN:

Plant waist-high; plant very aromatic; leaf margin lobed; flowers yellow-green; fruit a cluster of nutlets; grows only in sandy soil.



67 Alnus rugosa

SPECKLED ALDER: Twigs velvety, brown with light spots; leaf margins doubly toothed; leaf narrow to tip; fruit cone-like. Comparatively, A. serrulata (smooth alder) has both toothed and wavy leaf margins. A. glutinosa (European alder) leaves are rounded or notched at tip.



68 Betula pumila DWARF BIRCH: trunk diameter

never exceeding 3 cm thick; leaves small (< 3 cm long); grows in bogs and fens.

WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project), ® Kenneth Dritz, ® Sue Auerbach, ® Melanie Gunn, ® Sharon Shattuck, and ® William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross. © Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



69 Salix interior

SANDBAR WILLOW:

The many different willows of the Chicago region are difficult to ID. S. interior is the most common species in our area; forms dense thickets; leaves narrow and long w/ widely spaced, glandular teeth; stems are narrow (< 8 cm).

70 Hamamelis virginiana

WITCH HAZEL:

Plant has distinct scent of witch hazel; spreading branches bloom in late fall; twigs brown w/ light spots; yellow flower petals linear; fruit an exploding capsule; leaf margins scalloped.







DECIDUOUS SHRUBS:

GROUP 10.

PLANTS AS IN **GROUP 7, BUT** LEAF MARGINS TOOTHED or LOBED.

71 Corylus americana

Zigzag branching; leaves oval; leaf margins doubly toothed; flowers in catkins found throughout the year; fruit a nut enclosed by two leafy bracts.

LEAF VENATION AMERICAN HAZELNUT: PALMATE.



72 *Ceanothus americanus* NEW JERSEY TEA:

Leaf is densely tan hairy and strongly 3-veined; flower w/ white clawed petals; fruit a 3-lobed capsule, turning black at maturity. Compare w/ Rhamnus cathartica.

73 Ceanothus herbaceus

INLAND NEW JERSEY TEA:

Leaves smooth above, but lightly hairy below; leaf margins w/ gland-tipped teeth; white flowers are 5-clawed; confined to sand prairies of Illinois Beach State Park.

WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network – Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project),
© Kenneth Dritz, © Sue Auerbach, © Melanie Gunn, © Sharon Shattuck, and © William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse
and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross.
© Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)











74 Physocarpus opulifolius

Species is scarce in the wild, but often planted in landscapes; exfoliating bark; leaf 3-lobed; fruit a dry capsule.

75 *Ribes cynosbati* PRICKLY WILD GOOSEBERRY: Fruit spiny, stems not (though stems sometimes spiny at nodes); leaf blunt at tip; flower white.









76 Ribes americanum

WILD BLACK CURRANT:

Stems and fruit smooth; leaves lobed w/ pointed tips; leaf undersides w/ glands; flowers yellow.

MAP TO SHRUB GROUPS

- I. Leaves evergreen, needle- or scale-like GROUP 1
- II. Leaves deciduous
 - A. Leaves compound (more than one leaflet per stalk)
 - 1. Stems armed GROUP 2
 - 2. Stems unarmed GROUP 3
 - B. Leaves simple (one leaf per stalk)
 - 1. Leaves opposite
 - a. Leaf margins entire (no teeth) GROUP 4
 - b. Leaf margins toothed or lobed GROUP 5
 - 2. Leaves alternate
 - a. Plants less than 40 cm tall GROUP 6
 - b. Plants erect, quickly reaching more than 40 cm tall
 - i. Leaf margins entire (no teeth) GROUP 7
 - ii. Leaf margins toothed or lobed
 - 1). Leaf venation pinnate
 - a. fruits fleshy GROUP 8
 - b. fruits non-fleshy GROUP 9
 - 2). Leaf venation palmate GROUP 10

77 *Ribes missouriense* WILD GOOSEBERRY: Stem spiny, fruit not; thorns in 2-3 at nodes; leaves lobed, blunt at tip; flower white w/ stamen 2-3 X length of tubular flower. A similar wetland species, *R. hirtellum* (northern gooseberry) differs by having greenish-purplish flowers w/ stamen 1 X length of tubular flower.

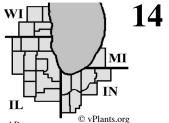
This guide includes a selection of shrubs (defined here as woody plants of short to medium stature lacking a central trunk, and instead branching from base) that can be found in the Chicago Region (see map at http://www.vplants.org/chicago.html). Here we focus on native species, yet include several ubiquitous, non-native species that can be easily mistaken as natives. In order to distinguish plant origins, non-native species are highlighted in red throughout the guide.

WEB VERSION

Shrubs of the Chicago Region

Volunteer Stewardship Network - Chicago Wilderness

Photos by: © Paul Rothrock (Taylor University, IN), © John & Jane Balaban (balx2@comcast.net; North Branch Restoration Project),
© Kenneth Dritz, © Sue Auerbach, © Melanie Gunn, © Sharon Shattuck, and © William Burger (Field Museum). Produced by: Jennie Kluse
and Sharon Shattuck, with assistance from Ken Klick (Lake County Forest Preserve), Paul Rothrock, Sue Auerbach, John & Jane Balaban, and Laurel Ross.
© Environment, Culture and Conservation, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL 60605 USA. [http://www.fmnh.org/temperateguides/]. Chicago Wilderness Guide #5 version 1 (06/2008)



ODECTED LICE

SPECIES LIST

Includes numbered location in guide and photo credits for each image in order from left to right. Photographers include: Sue Auerbach (SA), John & Jane Balaban (JJB), William Burger (WB), Kenneth Dritz (KD), Melanie Gunn (MG), Sharon Shattuck (SS), and Paul Rothrock (PR). Non-native species are labeled in red.

67	Alnus glutinosa		60	Prunus virginiana	SA, PR, PR
67	Alnus rugosa	SS, SS	19	Ptelea trifoliata	PR, PR
67	Alnus serrulata		19	Ptelea trifoliata mollis	
16	Amorpha canescens	PR, PR	58	Rhamnus alnifolia	
16	Amorpha fruticosa		59	Rhamnus cathartica	JJB, SA
20	Aralia nudicaulis	PR, JJB, JJB	58	Rhamnus frangula	PR, PR
20	Aralia racemosa		58	Rhamnus lanceolata	
52	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi c	eoactalis PR, PR	21	Rhus aromatica	PR, KD
62	Aronia prunifolia	, 	23	Rhus copallina latifolia	KD, KD
68	Betula pumila	PR	24	Rhus glabra	KD, KD, PR
72	Ceanothus americanus	PR, PR	21	Rhus radicans	
73	Ceanothus herbaceous	PR, PR	22	Rhus typhina	PR, SS
30	Cephalanthus occidentalis		25	Rhus vernix	PR, PR, JJB
48	Chimaphila maculata	PR, PR	76	Ribes americanum	PR, SA, PR
49	Chimaphila umbellata cis		75	Ribes cynosbati	PR, PR
66	Comptonia peregrina	PR, PR (inset), PR	77	Ribes hirtellum	
26	Cornus sp.	SA	77	Ribes missouriense	PR, KD
55	Cornus alternifolia	SA, SA	6	Rosa blanda	KD, KD
28	Cornus obliqua	PR, PR, PR	5	Rosa carolina	PR, PR, PR
27	Cornus racemosa	SA, SA	7	Rosa multiflora	PR, PR
29	Cornus rugosa		4	Rosa palustris	PR, PR
29	Cornus stolonifera	PR, PR, PR	3	Rosa setigera	SA, PR
71	Corylus american	SA, PR, SA	12	Rubus allegheniensis	PR, PR
31	Decodon verticillatus	PR, PR, PR	9	Rubus flagellaris	PR, PR
38	Diervilla lonicera	JJB, PR	8	Rubus hispidus	PR, PR
57	Dirca palustris	KD, KD (inset), SS	11	Rubus idaeus strigosus	
39	Euonymus alatus	PR	11	Rubus occidentalis	KD, PR
40	Euonymus atropurpureus		10	Rubus odoratus	SA, PR, SA
40	Euonymus europaeus		13	Rubus pensilvanicus	WB, KD
41	Euonymus obovatus	JJB, JJB, PR	69	Salix interior	PR, PR
53	Gaultheria procumbens	PR, KD, KD	18	Sambucus canadensis	PR
54	Gaylussacia baccata	KD, SS	64	Spiraea alba	PR, PR
70	Hamamelis virginiana	PR, PR	65	Spiraea tomentosa rosea	PR, PR
32	Hypericum kalmianum	KD, KD	17	Staphylea trifolia	JJB, PR, PR
63	Ilex verticillata	SS, JJB (inset), JJB	34	Symphoricarpos albus	PR, PR
2	Juniperus communis	KD, KD	34	Symphoricarpos occident	
1	Juniperus horizontalis	KD, SS	50	Vaccinium angustifolium	
56	Lindera benzoin	JJB, JJB, PR	50	Vaccinium corymbosum	
35	Lonicera dioica	MG	51	Vaccinium pallidum	PR, PR
37	Lonicera maackii	PR, PR	47	Viburnum acerifolium	JJB, SA, SA
36	Lonicera prolifera	SA, SA	44	Viburnum dentatum	PR, PR
37	Lonicera tatarica		42	Viburnum lentago	JJB, JJB, PR
33	Mitchella repens	PR	46	Viburnum opulus	SA, SA
74	Physocarpus opulifolius	PR, PR, PR	43	Viburnum prunifolium	JJB, PR
15	Potentilla fruticosa	PR, PR	44	Viburnum rafinesquianum	
61	Prunus americana	KD, KD (inset), PR	44	Viburnum recognitum	PR, PR
61	Prunus nigra		45	Viburnum trilobum	SS, SS, SS (inset)
62	Prunus pumila	MG, SS, SS	14	Xanthoxylum americanur	
02	ranus punnia	1110, 00, 00	1	•	, ,