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Alder <i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Damp, moist	Moderate	18	Yes	yes		no	Yes if coppiced	Seeds good for birds
Alder Buckthorn <i>Frangula alnus</i>	Damp, acid	Moderate	2.5				Yes	yes	Food plant for brimstone butterfly Berries good for birds
Aspen <i>Populus tremula</i>	Wet heavy clay	Fast	24	yes	yes	yes	no	Yes if coppiced	Fair for Insects
Beech <i>Fagus sylvestris</i>	Dry well-drained	Slow	27	No	Yes	yes	Yes, keeps leaves in winter, can add copper beech too	No	Seeds for birds and small mammals, fair for insects
Birch, Silver <i>Betula pendula</i>	Most, prefers dry acidic	Fast	18	Can be developed as multi stemmed		yes	no	As multi-stem or cultivar. Some Himalayan birches are smaller	Brilliant for insects and insectivorous birds; catkins good early food source for birds; great for moth larvae; small leaves give dappled shade so good for underplanting
Birch, Downy <i>Betula pubescens</i>	Heavier and damper soils than silver birch	fast	20	Can be developed as multi stemmed		yes	no	yes	Good for insects and insectivorous birds; catkins good early food source for birds; great for moth larvae; small leaves give dappled shade so good for underplanting
Bird Cherry <i>Prunus padus</i>	Most fertile prefers alkaline	Moderate	6	No	no			yes	Flowers for insects, berries for birds and small mammals

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Blackthorn <i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Most fertile	Fast		No		Yes	yes	Yes, but suckers. Go for a damson instead	Good nesting area if grown as hedge or thicket. Rich for insects, berries for birds (and for sloe gin). Problem with suckering and thorns.
Buckthorn <i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	Damp alkaline	Moderate	4.5	No				yes	Host plant for brimstone butterfly caterpillar
Crab Apple <i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Most fertile	Moderate	9	NOi				yes	Good for insects. Nectar, pollen and fruit
Dog Rose <i>Rosa canina</i>	Most fertile not wet	Moderate					Yes		Flowers and excellent food for birds and small mammals as hips. Good nesting sites if grown through a hedge
Elderberry <i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Most fertile	Fast	10	no		yes	yes	Yes, and black-leaved one	Nectar and berries; good nest site
Guelder Rose <i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Most damp	Moderate	2.5	no	yes	yes	yes	Large Bush rather than tree	Spring flowers, autumn berries, autumn colour good for insects and birds
Goat Willow <i>Salix caprea</i>	Damp fertile loams	Fast	9	Yes		Yes	yes	Yes	Very rich for insects as well as early pollen and nectar. Lots of beautiful cultivars
Hawthorn <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Most	Moderate	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Good cultivars available with fewer thorns	Nectar, hips last to give mid winter food for birds, good nesting sites; good for moth larvae
Hazel	Most	Moderate	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes as	Pollen in the spring, energy-rich

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<i>Corylus avellana</i>								coppice/multistem or cultivar. Purple leaved, corkscrew and weeping forms available	nuts for birds and mammals ; host to specific fungi and 5 species of moth .
Holly <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Well drained	Slow	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Host plant for Holly Blue caterpillars; nectar and berries for birds ASSUMING it is a female
Hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Heavy, neutral to acid	Slow	21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Seed for birds and mammals Will take damp soils
Lime <i>Tilia cordata</i>	Heavy fertile neutral to acid	Moderate	18					yes	Sweet flowers for tea (and bees). Seeds later in the year
Field Maple <i>Acer Campestre</i>	Clay or loam	Moderate	15	Yes	Yes		Yes	yes	Nectar and fruits
Pedunculate Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Heavy soils	Slow	30						Huge range of insects depend upon oak and support bird population
Rowan <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Light soils	Moderate	9	Not regularly Can grow as mutl-		Yes		yes	Nectar and fruits. Good for insects and insectivorous birds

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Scots Pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Dry sandy soils	Fast	27						Good variety of insects
Spindle <i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Alkaline	Fast	6					Yes, many good cultivars too BUT poisonous fruit	Nectar and fruit
Sweet Briar <i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Most fertile	Moderate	1-3				Yes	Shrub not tree	Flowers and excellent food for birds and small mammals as hips. Good nesting sites if grown through a hedge
Sallow <i>Salix cinerea</i>	Damp fertile loam	Fast	9	yes		Yes	Yes	yes	Early nectar and pollen; good for insects
Wild Privet <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Most Prefers Alkaline	Fast	2		Yes		Yes	Shrub not tree	Nectar and fruits. Good tangle for nesting birds
Wayfaring Tree <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Most Prefers Alkaline	Moderate	3			Yes		Yes	Good nectar and fruits
Wild Cherry <i>Prunus avium</i>	Good soil prefers alkaline	Fast	15					Cultivars much more suitable	Good nectar and fruits, not many insects using leaves
Wild Service Tree <i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Clay soils	Moderate	25					Not as solitary specimen	Good nectar and fruits
Whitebeam	Most	Moderate	10			yes		Yes	Good nectar and fruits

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<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Prefers Alkaline								

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