

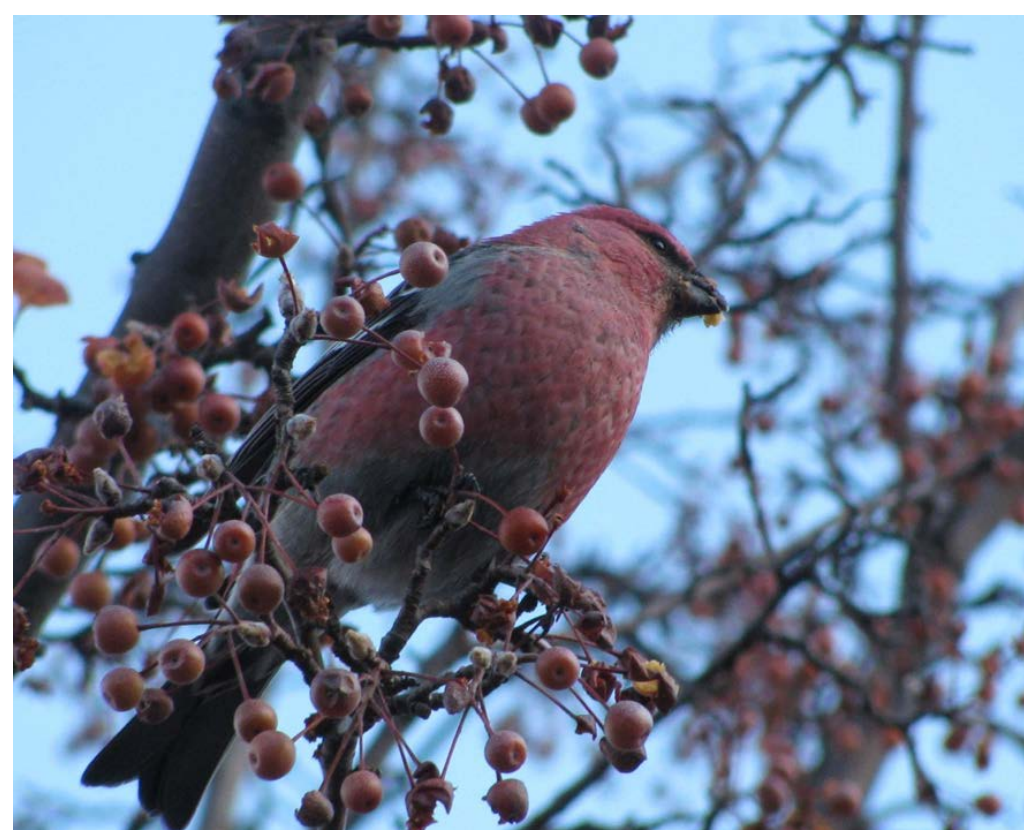
# Create Wildlife Habitat in your Backyard

## Plant native shrubs and trees

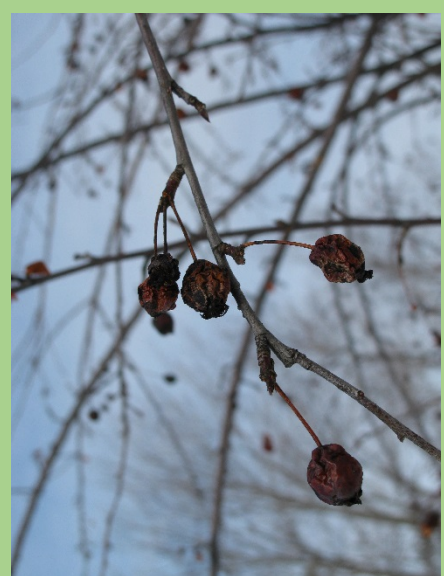
The fruits and seeds of many native shrubs and trees are important food sources for birds and mammals.



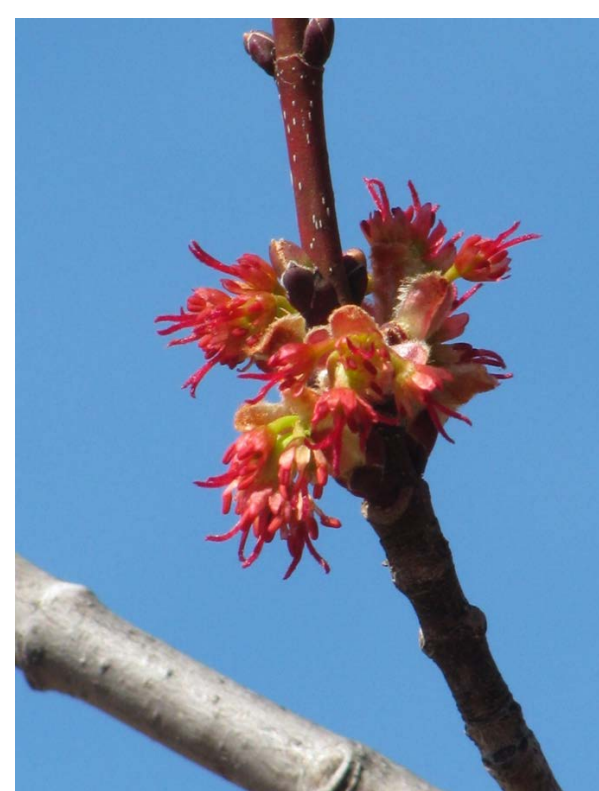
Cherries and many viburnums provide fruits used by a variety of creatures throughout the summer.



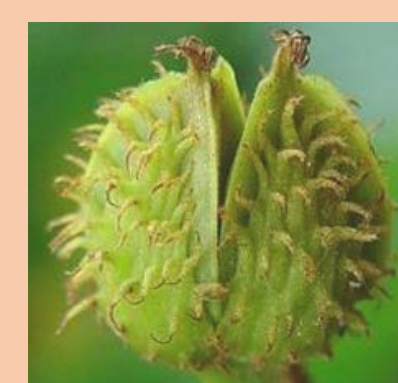
**NH has over 100 tree and shrub species that produce soft mast (like berries) used by wildlife.**



Crabapple and hawthorn fruits are not highly preferred, so they are often not consumed in the fall. These fruits are available later in the winter and early in the spring when other food is scarce.



Red maples and pussy willows bloom early in the spring providing bees with food early in the season.



Acorns, beechnuts and other types of “hard mast” are important fall food sources for turkeys, deer, bear and squirrels.