

NATURE AT
THE HOLLOW

Trees, birds, & anything wild



nature at the hollow

PLANTING TREES

Wendell Berry

In the mating of trees,
the pollen grain entering invisible
the domed room of the winds, survives
the ghost of the old forest
that was here when we came. The ground
invites it, and it will not be gone.
I become the familiar of that ghost
and its ally, carrying in a bucket
twenty trees smaller than weeds,
and I plant them along the way
of the departure of the ancient host.
I return to the ground its original music.
It will rise out of the horizon
of the grass, and over the heads
of weeds, and it will rise over
the horizon of men's heads. As I age
in the world it will rise and spread,
and be for this place horizon
and orison, the voice of its winds.
I have made myself a dream to dream
of its rising, that has gentled my nights.
Let me desire and wish well the life
these trees may live when I
no longer rise in the mornings
to be pleased by the green of them
shining, and their shadows on the ground,
and the sound of the wind in them.

TREES WE ARE PLANTING TODAY



AMERICAN PLUM

15-30' | Shrub, white flowers and juicy, red fruit

Excited to collect these plums for possible pies
Birds and deer will likely find these fruit enjoyable when they show up each summer after 3-4 years planted
Flowers will be big snowy clusters each spring



BLACK CHERRY

50-100' | Beautiful hardwood with dark chippy bark

Phil's favorite tree (this year)
Wood smells AMAZING when split, cut, burned
Hoping to replenish some that have died and build a small grove at top of hill
The Hollow Holz Hausen is mostly Black Cherry split by hand



BLACK GUM (BLACK TUPELO)

50-80' | Fall fruiting tall tree

Curious about the blue berries from these which might not produce 10 years after planted
Apparently stunning fall color change
Fall fruit good for late migratory or resident bird

TREES WE ARE PLANTING TODAY

BLACK CHOKEBERRY

5-13' | Shrub that can thrive in wet soil

Bitter fruit, hence the name

Short shrub that will help the extra water we get here not go to waste

Might provide cover and fruit for rabbits



COMMON CHOKEBERRY

20' | Looks like black cherry fruit

Good in moist soil so could be helpful in hard to plant areas

5 years to maturity compared to black cherry's 50

Late spring flower leading to late summer fruit

Underground "runners" could pop up new tree



CHINKAPIN OAK

50-100' | Eventually huge tree with sweet acorns

Squirrels and chipmunks will fight over these acorns

Leaves are easy to tell because coarsely toothed

used for fences, railroad ties and in 1800's to fuel steamboats going between Pittsburgh and New Orleans



TREES WE ARE PLANTING TODAY



ELDERBERRY

5-15' | Shrub replacing invasive honeysuckle

Most invasive species at The Hollow was honeysuckle, we've removed most and now elderberry can serve the same purposes honeysuckle used to
helpful with preventing soil erosion
Power berry to turn into syrups
Beautiful light, airy, white flower clusters



GRAY DOGWOOD

5-10' | Small white flowering shrub for wet areas

Looking forward to these trees being along the road to show off their white flowers in spring
Great it can be in wet areas...we have many of those here
White fruit falls off tree easily and is important for wildlife
Fruits early in spring so many deer and birds love it



HAZELNUT

5-10' | Yummy nut from this medium shrub

Will try to beat the squirrels, woodpeckers, jays, and deer to collect the Fall nuts
Produces nuts as soon as 2 years after planted
Red female flowers, yellow-brown male catkins on same plant

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PERSIMMON

30-70' | Chunky bark producing desirable fruit

These grow very tall and stay quite narrow trunk
Fruit is yummy to snack on after golden-orange/red color
proving it is ripe
Fruit falls to ground ripe in fall before first frost
Timber is very strong and valuable if we ever have one felled
Birds and deer will love the fruit



RED OAK

50-100' | Ultra tall with beautiful fall colors

Will grow up to 2' per year for first 10 years
Acorns will be bickered over loudly by local squirrels
Unsure where these very tall trees will go on our property
Red oak used in colonized US history as a building material



SHAKBARK HICKORY

50-100' | Distinguishable bark

Hickory name stems from Algonquian indigenous word for
the food produced from the kernels of these trees
Known to be pest and disease free
Timber used in axe handles, baseball bats, skis
Strong burning firewood



TREES WE ARE PLANTING TODAY



WASHINGTON HAWTHORN

15-30' | Winter berries keep birds happy

Planting several near the house so winter birds hang nearby

Thorny branches make good place for nests

Late May flowers lead to some of the only winter fruit around

OTHER TREES AT THE HOLLOW

ASH (GREEN OR WHITE?)

50-100' | Less common due to emerald ash bore

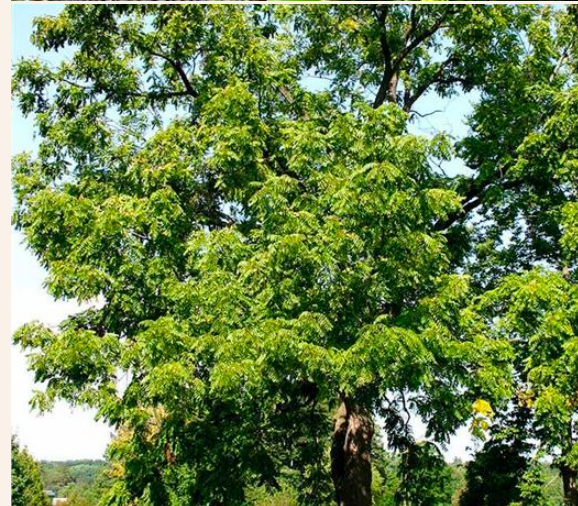
Several are around the property but all will be killed by bore
Emerald ash bore is invasive bug introduced in 1980s
In 1800s Ash made up 12% of Marion Co.'s forests
Now Ash makes up 3% of Marion Co.'s trees
Our remaining Ash will be good woodpecker and owl nests in hollowed out trees



BLACK WALNUT

50-100' | Big winding branches

The middle of our woodlot is anchored by a huge black walnut
The roots emit juglone, toxic to some plants making it "alleopathic"
Fruit surrounds a hard to crack nut
Shell of walnut can be used as a natural dye



COTTONWOOD

50-100' | Massive trunk and cotton like pollen

Several around The Hollow including the two largest trees
Silver looking leaves during windy days
Cotton-like pollen makes Phil's eyes itch



OTHER TREES AT THE HOLLOW



MULBERRY (WHITE)

20-40' | Non-native abundant fruit producing

Chickens next door love to eat the fruit
Several around the property but many seem to develop cracks in trunk
Bright-yellow colored wood burns very hot and sparks heavily



RED BUD

30' | Dramatic flowers attract pollinators

Neighbors Steven and Karen planted a couple in the woods years ago
Flowers are absolutely gorgeous when showing in April



SILVER MAPLE

50-80' | Twirly bird producing with shaggy bark

Two of these in back yard and one in front yard
These produce a whole lot of twirly bird fruit
Curious about sapping these in the future
Red buds of flowers fall in late Winter/early Spring

OTHER TREES AT THE HOLLOW

SYCAMORE

60-120' | Water loving flaking white bark

Beautiful white speckled bark easily visible in Winter
Thrives in very wet areas, very thirsty
Produces small balls of seeds in late Fall/Winter
One of last trees to drop their bright orange leaves
Can grow very wide and very tall

TULIP POLAR

50-120' | Hoosier state tree with ornamental flowers

Very delicate looking flowers which is loved by bumblebees
One on front corner of yard with deer markings
Haven't seen flowers on our tree yet as frost has destroyed

