

**Native Elder** - Elder is an exceptionally good wildlife-supporting species in Ireland and fits into any hedgerow. In Spring you will often hear the tree buzzing with excitement as insects are seen feeding off of the flowers. Elder plant flowers can also be made into many things such as syrups and wines. In Autumn, elderberries are an important food source to Birds and other smaller creatures.

**Willow**— Birds line their nests with the soft fluff of willows and their nectar is eaten by pollinators.

**Blackthorn**— Birds shelter in this bush and blackthorn is also vitally important for the rare Black Hair-streak butterfly.

**Crab Apple**— The Crabapple tree produces abundant ripening fruit which gets eaten by many animals. The lightweight fruit of the crabapple tree will remain attached to the tree twigs longer than most other fruits, and therefore will feed extensive wildlife animals well into the Autumn.



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