Maximizing Benefits of Riparian Forest Buffers for Wildlife







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Better Buffers for Wildlife

- Tree Selection
- Don't Skimp on Shrubs





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- Native riparian shrubs are critical winter sources of cover and food
- Dogwoods, viburnums, chokeberries, alders, hawthorns (dry areas)





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Which is better for overwintering wildlife?



Consider Pollinators

- Require nectar sources over most of year
- Need diverse species of trees, shrubs, and forbs
- Many forbs will grow naturally; don't mow what isn't needed to increase tree survival
- Consider planting herbaceous buffer of pollinator habitat







Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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