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Pruyn Sanctuary's Arboretum and Meadow

Surrounded by woodlands, the arboretum and wildflower meadow combine to form a mosaic of habitats.

Meandering trails showcase nature's ever-changing beauty through rolling fields and along the edges of mixed hardwood forests and dense pine and fir groves. This range of habitats offers shelter, food, and nesting sites for a rich assortment of wild-life. The native and naturalized plants and trees require little water and no pesticides.



History

All landscapes contain telltale signs of their past. At Pruyn, ancient apple trees reflect the agricultural past of the land in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The many striking ornamental plantings of trees are testimonials of more recent residential use of the property in the mid-twentieth century. Note the towering Norway spruces, the dense grove of Veitch firs, the two large metasequoias, the purple-flowering paulownia tree, the Japanese tree lilac, and the many flowering dogwoods, crabapples, magnolias, and mulberries.

The arboretum today

Near the garden, a number of shrubs have been planted as host plants for butterfly and moth larvae, as well as sources of nectar for adult insects and hummingbirds. Some also provide fruit for birds. They include viburnum, highbush blueberry, weigelas, butterfly bush, and sweet pepper bush.

The meadow is mown once a year to prevent it from becoming a woodland. Herbaceous meadow plants, including asters, common milkweed, and goldenrod, are encouraged to return every year as hosts of larvae and sources of nectar, fruit, browsing, and shelter for other wildlife.

Starting in 1998, specimen plantings of native trees were added to the arboretum. While still young, these trees are good examples of the rich diversity of our native flora. They include:

Amelanchier (shadbush)	Green ash
Mountain ash	River birch
Basswood	Butternut
Bottlebrush buckeye	Red buckeye
Black cherry	Choke cherry
Cornelian cherry	American chestnut
Box elder	Fringe tree
Sour gum	Sweet gum
American hornbeam	Ironwood
Kentucky coffee tree	Sugar maple
Bur oak	Chestnut oak
Pawpaw	Eastern redbud
Sassafras	Witch hazel

To learn more about using trees, shrubs, and meadows to create wildlife-friendly habitats in your garden, visit the national Audubon website at www.audubon.org and click on "Audubon At Home."