



MULBERRY BEND TRAILS: COMMON WOODLAND PLANTS



Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

Also called “mossycup” due to the fringed cap. It is our dominant hardwood tree along MNRR. It is fire-tolerant, long-lived, and its nuts provide food for many species of wildlife. Look for it all along the trails.



Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

Pioneers steeped the seeds of this unusual tree to make a coffee substitute. Look for it in low moist ravines at the bottom of the trail.



Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

Beautiful but uncommon, its showy flowers rise above clover-shaped foliage in late spring. Watch for it in shady oak understory.

Ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*)

Small and graceful, this understory tree has fruits that resemble hops. It is common on slopes beneath oak canopy.



Virginia waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)

This showy spring wildflower spreads by rhizomes to form large colonies under oak canopy. It is common in shady woods at MNRR.



Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

The MNRR is the far western edge of range for this unique wildflower.

Violet (*Viola canadensis*)



This wildflower has heart-shaped leaves and occurs throughout the shady understory.

Woodbine (*Parthenocissus vitacea*)

This vine creeps along the ground in forest openings and in fields, sometimes over-topping other plants. It is related to grapes and its leaves in groups of five are distinctive.

