

# Wildlife Forage



Brambles



Dewberry



Plum

The key to success of any biome region is dependent on the ability of the plants and animals that inhabit the region to survive from year to year. The ability for the native wildlife of the Cross Timbers to find water and food is critical to their survival. Areas in Cross Timbers park that provide forage for the abundant wildlife are typically not heavily wooded, receive abundant sunshine and have the ability to retain soil moisture after rainfall. While the main limiting factor to forage production is usually moisture, many plants are sensitive to temperature extremes, and others are intolerant of acid soils and require lime to increase soil pH for establishment and persistence. During periods of extreme heat and drought, forage becomes limited and the native wildlife become stressed and populations become limited.



American Beautyberry



Aromatic Sumac



Carolina Buckthorn