



United States Department of Agriculture
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Plant Enhancement Activity – KS-PLT06 Renovation of a Windbreak or Shelterbelt for Wildlife Habitat

Kansas Criteria for National Plant Enhancement Activity – PLT06

1. Refer to Construction Specifications 650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation, for details about windbreak inventories, renovation criteria, and new tree planting.
2. Wildlife species benefiting from windbreak renovation include but are not limited to:
 - Ringnecked pheasant
 - Turkey
 - Cottontailed rabbit
 - Franklin's ground squirrel
 - Eastern woodrat
 - Coyote
 - Gray fox
 - Striped skunk
 - Bobcat
 - Tree nesting birds and neotropical migrants
 - Bobwhite quail
 - Fox squirrels and gray squirrels
 - Opossum
 - White-footed mouse
 - Porcupine
 - Red fox
 - Raccoon
 - Eastern spotted skunk
 - White tailed deer
3. Refer to Kansas Forestry Technical Notes KS-9, Tree/Shrub Establishment and Maintenance Guidelines, and KS-10, Conservation Tree/Shrub Plantings Suitability Groups, Windbreak Suitability Groups, and Plantings for Kansas, for information on site preparation, planting, maintenance and adapted tree/shrub species.
4. Avoid selecting material that are considered noxious or have invasive characteristics for windbreak renovation.
5. When renovating a windbreak, retain existing snags and den trees when possible.