



Trees for the Home Landscape

SHADE TREES

Honey Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos v. inermis*)

Good street tree, casts light shade because of divided leaves. Full sun, adaptable. Flowers May/June (insignificant). Autumn foliage is clear yellow.

Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Fabulous fall color in orange and red; has maple-like leaves; full sun – part sun. Prefers rich, moist soil. Fruit can be messy

American Hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)

Small to medium tree; Bark is the most interesting feature, it is peeling and golden in color. Unusual tree not often seen. Tolerant of dry, gravelly soils. Full sun to part shade.

American Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*)

Showy medium tree. Flowers heavy some years, light others; attractive fall foliage. Great specimen tree or lawn tree. Likes full sun and rich soils.

Blackgum, Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

Large tree – tall and broad; has great fall characteristics – foliage and fruit for birds. Likes full sun and moist, but well-drained soil. Great street tree or specimen.

Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Tallest tree east of the Mississippi! Showy flowers high in tree, interesting fruits persist through year. Too big for street tree. Full sun and rich, moist soils.

Freeman's Maple (*Acer X Freemanii*)

Hybrid between Red maple and Silver Maple; Unbelievable fall color; Fast growing; Full sun, good soil. Appears to be a good street tree.

Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)

Large, pyramidal shade tree to 75'. Fast growing; small acorns take two years to mature. Nice fall color – later than many trees. Full sun, average soil.

Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Large, long-lived shade tree to 75'; form more rounded than pin oak. LARGE acorns take two years to mature. Nice fall color. Full sun, average soil.

American Linden (*Tilia americana*)

Large, deciduous tree to 70'; oval with small, creamy white flowers in June. Fruit is small and fuzzy. Tolerant of various soil types; full sun.

Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*)

Medium to small deciduous tree. Very showy on the landscape with white flowers in mid-July. Great cranberry red fall foliage. Nice specimen plant, could be used as street trees in less populated areas. Full to part sun; moist, well-drained soils.

River Birch (*Betula nigra*)

Medium to small deciduous tree in clump or single stem form. Attractive bark throughout the year. Yellow fall foliage. Full to part sun, moist to wet soils.

European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

NON-NATIVE, lovely, long-lived tree. Large, round tree – 50' tall, 50' spread. Can be found in both green and purple-leaf varieties. SLOW growing, long-lived. Full sun, average soil.

Larch, Tamarack (*Larix laricina*)

Large deciduous conifer. Pyramidal shape. Soft green spring foliage, beautiful golden yellow fall foliage. Does well in more natural areas, planted as specimen or in groves. Full sun; moist to wet soils.

Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)

NON-NATIVE, large deciduous conifer. Fast growing tree. Leaves are bright green in spring and a unique pinkish – bronze color in fall. Full sun, moist, well-drained soils.

ORNAMENTAL TREES

Shad, Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

Small deciduous tree (20'). Lovely white flowers and smooth gray bark make this tree very pretty. Flowers early (April) before the leaves are out; good fall color but the leaves drop quickly. Full sun, moist soil.

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Small deciduous tree (20'). Pink or white flowers in early May before the leaves come out; leave a mulched area around the base of the tree to protect it from lawn-mower damage which encourages Dogwood borer. Full sun, moist soil.

Cherries (*Prunus sp. Thundercloud*)

Purple-leaf variety, used extensively; 20' rounded shape; pink flowers slightly fragrant in May. Small shade tree, specimen, street tree.

Pear (*Pyrus sp.*)

One of our most recognizable flowering street trees. Bradford Pear can reach 50' in height. They have white flowers before the leaves in late April, early May. Summer foliage is glossy. Fall color is red, orange or purple. This is an adaptable tree – fast growing and tolerant of street conditions. Bradford has a tendency to “shed” branches as it grows. Aristocrat is a smaller tree with wider branching. This may be a better cultivar to seek out.

Crabapples (*Malus sp.*)

There are many cultivars of crabapples. All are around 20' in height, rounded heads that are loaded with flowers in mid- to late-May and fruit in fall. Many birds will eat the berries in fall through the winter months. Most cultivars are disease resistant and tolerant of salt and pollution. Good along roads. Full sun.

Hawthorne (*Crataegus sp.*)

Small deciduous tree with oval form. Most native species have large thorns. White flowers in late May and red fruits that are persistent through the winter. Birds eat the fruit in later winter when they have softened.

Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Small deciduous tree 15' to 20'. Can be grown as a large shrub. VERY SHOWY flowers in late May – early June. Pollution tolerant; great tree for urban setting. Full sun.