

South Carolina Urban Tree Species Guide

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREE FOR THE RIGHT PLACE

A properly selected, correctly planted and well-maintained tree will provide a multitude of benefits for generations. An ill-chosen, incorrectly planted and/or neglected young tree, will die in only a few years, at best, and become a risk and a hazard at worst.

Stand in the shade of a tree when the temperature is in the 90s. Then listen to the sounds of leaves rustling and birds chirping and insects buzzing. Have you noticed how the air under the branches of a tree seems cleaner to breathe? Look up at the blue sky through the green leaves or needles gently rustling against the sky.

Plant a tree. It will bring great pleasure and health to you and others who pass by.

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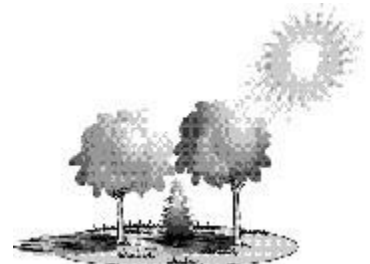
Soil - Physical soil factors, especially the degree of compaction, are commonly overlooked when selecting trees but likely have the greatest impact on tree survival, growth, and health. If the soil is very compact, select trees that tolerate low soil oxygen levels and be sure to loosen the soil around the planting hole. Soil pH - degree of acidity or alkalinity - is also important as it affects the availability of nutrients and the activity of soil microorganisms. Determine the soil pH of your site and choose a tree species that grows well in that range.



Moisture - Either too much or too little water will limit tree growth. Determine the depth of the water table, preferably during the cool wet season, by digging several holes two to three feet deep and waiting three to four hours. If no water appears in the holes, any tree can be planted. If water accumulated, select species that tolerate wet sites (that is, low soil oxygen). If the water is less than 18 inches below the surface, plant small or medium-sized trees, as the root systems of large trees will likely be too shallow to provide adequate support. (On excessively dry sites, certain

maintenance approaches may be required.)

Light - Determine the number of hours of direct sun the planting site receives in summer, since different tree species require differing amounts of sunlight. Trees requiring full sun (like most large-maturing trees) need at least six hours of direct sun. Those suited to mostly shaded to partially sunny sites (like flowering dogwood) will adapt to three to six hours of direct sun.



Space - Be aware of above-ground conflicts such as overhead wires, buildings, signs, other trees, etc. that would restrict unobstructed tree growth. Select trees that will have a mature size or form that will fit within the space available. Underground space is critical for sufficient root system development and tree health. Root systems can be very extensive, spreading a distance two times the height of the tree or more. Yet, most of the roots will be in the top eight to ten inches of the soil. Once your planting location has

been chosen, and before you dig the tree hole, call your local utility locator company to avoid breaking lines while digging. This is a free service and they will indicate if there are any utilities near or at your planting site.

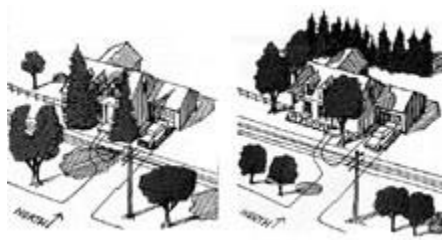
Temperature (Hardiness Zone) - Trees can adapt to a wide range of environmental factors, but withstanding the lowest winter temperature for an area is critical. The continental US and Canada have been divided into 10 zones based on a 100F difference in average annual minimum temperature. Choose trees that are appropriate for your specific hardiness zone.

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Will the trees fulfill your intended landscape objectives with minimal care?

Tree Size and Location - Will the space adequately accommodate the tree you would like to plant? Mature height, crown spread, trunk flare, and root space are all important factors to consider before planting. Know what the tree will look like as it nears maturity.



Crown Form - The shape of tree crowns varies with different species and varieties of trees. Select trees with specific crown forms to accomplish certain landscape objectives or to fit the available above-ground space.

Shade - Trees provide a greater cooling effect than man-made structures because not only are the sun rays blocked, but water is added to the air through transpiration. High, wide-crowned trees with deciduous leaves are the best providers of shade.

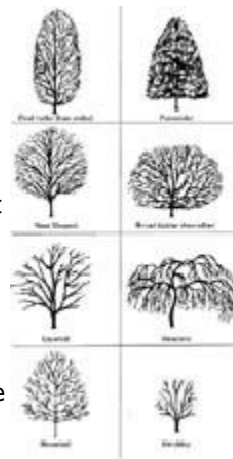
Maintenance and Health Issues - Some tree types are more "problem-free" than others. Determine if the tree being considered has messy fruit or particularly large leaves that must be cleaned up. Is branch structure such that it requires frequent pruning or leads to premature branch failure as is often the case with Bradford pear? Fast-growing trees like silver maple provide quick shade but typically have brittle wood that easily breaks in strong winds. Be aware of any insect or disease problems that will require frequent attention or lead to health problems and early tree death.



Aesthetics - Trees add beauty to the community landscape. With planning trees can be used to enhance the appearance of structures and grounds. For example, to give a site an appearance of greater depth, plant on a diagonal line outward from the front corners of the building. This is called framing. Trees planted behind the building and to the side will provide background. Trees can also add visual appeal to parks, parking lots, streets or patios.

Accents - A tree with color or some other showy feature can be used as an accent point in your landscaping picture. Don't overdo accents. For visual accent, select a tree that contrasts with the characteristic landscape in one or more of the design elements - form, size, color, or texture. The more contrasts, the stronger will be the accent.

Wildlife - Consider tree species with berries or nuts that are attractive to songbirds.



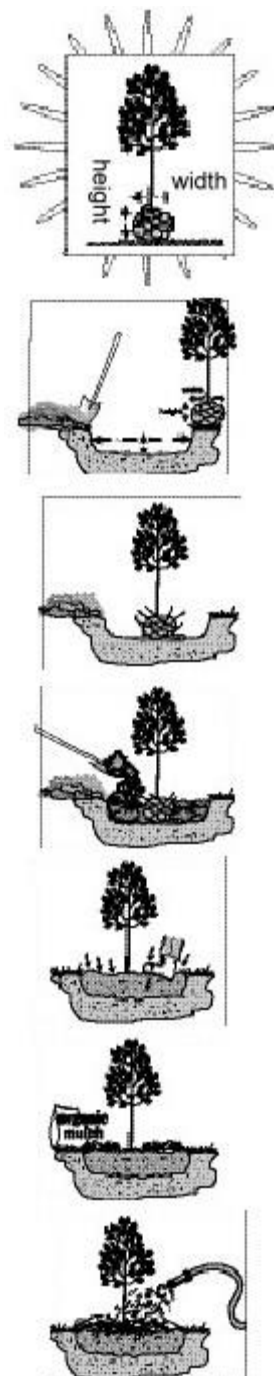
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Now that the right-tree-for-the-right-place has been chosen, it's time to plant.

1. Before digging, find the topmost root growing from the trunk of the tree. This is called the root flare area. Remove any soil above that point across the entire root ball. Measure from the topmost root to the base of the root ball to determine its height.
2. Dig the planting hole roughly three times wider than the diameter of the root ball. Dig no deeper or slightly less deep than the height of the root ball. The hole should be bowl-shaped with the sides sloped. Save the soil.
3. Place the tree in the hole so that the top of the ball (root flare) is even with the soil level or slightly higher. Don't cultivate the bottom of the hole, it may cause the root ball to settle and the tree to be planted too deep. Remove any burlap, wire, twine or strapping.
4. Back fill with the soil that was removed from the hole. Don't amend the soil with compost, peat moss, other soil, or fertilizer. Tamp soil lightly but do not compact.
5. Form a one-to-two-inch berm of soil around the edge of the planting hole to hold water. Fill the "saucer" with water once or twice.
6. Mulch the root ball surface and planting area. Use three to four inches of organic material. Keep the mulch one or two inches away from the trunk.
7. Keep the tree well watered for the first year. Water every day for 2 weeks and every other day for two months and then weekly until the tree is established.

Remember - watering frequency depends on many factors: rainfall, temperature, and soil type. When watering, use two gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter. Do not over water or saturate the soil.



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Large Trees >50' Suitable for areas with more than 200 square feet of total planting area; in a planting strip at least 7' wide; or place at least 6' from pavement or wall.

<u>Common/Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height & Width</u>	<u>Sun/ Shade</u>	<u>Insect & Disease Resistance</u>	<u>Growth Rate</u>	<u>Deciduous Evergreen</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Beech, American <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	50-75' h 40-80' w	PS/FS	L	S	D	Native. Needs ample room above and below ground. Acid soil. Fruit attracts wildlife, no litter. Zones 4-9
Blackgum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	65-75' h 25-35' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	Native. Soil pH below 6 best, texture tolerant, drought tolerant,

						wet soil tolerant. Fruit attracts wildlife, some litter. Zones 4-9
Deodar Cedar <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	40-60' h 25-30' w	PS/FS	M	F	E	India. Drought tolerant, pH adaptable. Needs room for wide lower branches. Protect from strong winds. Zones 7-8
Cryptomeria, Japanese <i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	50-60' h 15-20' w	FS	L	S	E	Japan. Prefers acid soil, texture adaptable. Drought tolerant, shelter from wind. Zones 6-8
Cypress, bald <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	60-80' h 25-35' w	FS/PS	M	F	D	Native. Drought & wet tolerant. 'Knees' form in wet areas. Tolerates compaction. Zones 4-11
Cypress, pond <i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	50-60' h 50-60' w	PS/FS	H	F	D	Native. Soil adaptable below 7.5. Knobby 'knees' form in moist areas. Attracts wildlife. No litter. Zones 5-9
Dawn redwood <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	70-90'h 25-35' w	FS/PS	H	F	D	China. Avoid high pH soils & salt. Good for urban & moist areas. Zones 5-8
Ginkgo <i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	50-75' h 50-60' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	China. Soil texture, pH & drought tolerant once established. Fall color is bright yellow. Females have smelly fruit. Zones 4-8
Hickory, pignut <i>Carya glabra</i>	50-65' h 30-40' w	PS/FS	M	M	D	Native. Soil texture adaptable. Drought tolerant. Nuts attract wildlife. Zones 4-9
Hickory, shagbark <i>Carya ovata</i>	60-80' h 25-35' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	Native. Soil texture adaptable. Abundant nuts attract wildlife. Shaggy bark attractive. Zones 4-8
Katsura tree <i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	40-60' h 35-60' w	PS/FS	M	F	D	China. Soil adaptable, even moisture. Drought tolerant once established. Numerous shallow roots. Use mulch. Zones 4-8
Loblolly bay <i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	50-60' h 10-15' w	S/PS	H	S	E	Native. Needs shade. Soil adaptable, moist. Showy white flowers. Shallow root system needs mulch & water during drought. Zones 7-9
Magnolia, Southern <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Claudia Wannamaker'	60-80' h 30-40' w	PS/FS	M	M	E	Native. Soil adaptable. Bark is thin, protect from mechanical injury. White showy blooms in spring & summer. Good cultivars. Zones 7-9
Maple, red <i>Acer rubrum</i>	60-75 'h 25-35' w	PS/FS	H	F	D	Native. Prefers acidic soil, texture tolerant, wet tolerant. Bark is thin. Fruit attracts wildlife. Many cultivars. Zones 4-9
Maple, sugar <i>Acer saccharum</i>	50-80' h 35-50' w	S/FS	L	M	D	Native. Soil adaptable. Use in cooler portions of state. Roots need ample space. Shallow roots benefit from mulch. Zones 4-8
Oak, laurel/darlington <i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	60-70 'h 50' w	PS/FS	H	F	SE	Native. Soil adaptable. Roots will heave sidewalks. Acorns attract wildlife, creates some litter. Zones 6-10
Oak, live <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	60-80' h 60-120' w	PS/FS	H	M	E	Native. Soil adaptable. Roots will eventually heave sidewalks. Good wind resistance. Some litter. Zones 8-10

Oak, shumard <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	60-80' h 40-50' w	FS	M	F	D	Native. Soil texture adaptable, acidic. Urban tolerant. Acorns attract wildlife. Some litter. Zones 5-9
Oak, southern red <i>Quercus falcata</i>	60-80' h 60-70' w	FS	M	M	D	Native. Acidic soil, all textures, urban tolerant. Fruit attracts wildlife, no significant litter. Zones 7-9
Oak, scarlet <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	60-75' h 45-60' w	FS	M	M	D	Native. Acidic soil, all textures. Needs ample root space. Nuts attract wildlife. Some litter. Zones 5-8
Oak, swamp chestnut <i>Quercus michauxii</i>	60-70' h 30-50' w	PS/FS	M	M	D	Native. Acidic soil, all textures, occasional wet. Leaf litter persistent, acorns for wildlife. Zones 6-9
Oak, white <i>Quercus alba</i>	60-100' h 60-80' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Native. Acidic soil, all textures. Protect roots from disturbances. Nuts attract wildlife. Some litter. Zones 3-9
Oak, willow <i>Quercus phellos</i>	60-75' h 40-60' w	FS	M	F	D	Native. Acidic soil, all textures, occasional wet, drought, urban tolerant. Nuts attract wildlife. Some litter. Zones 5-9
Pine, loblolly <i>Pinus taeda</i>	50-80' h 30' w	FS	M	F	E	Native. Soil texture adaptable, acidic. Thick bark- resistant to fire. Needle drop prolific. Pinecones attract wildlife. Zones 6-9
Pine, longleaf <i>Pinus palustris</i>	60-80' h 30-40' w	FS	M	F	E	Native. Soil texture adaptable. Beautiful bark. Needle and cone drop prolific. Drought tolerant once established. Zones 7-10
Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	30-60' h 25-40' w	PS/FS	M	M	D	Native. Acidic soils, wet. Showy yellow bloom in spring. Good fall color. Blue fruit, attracts wildlife. Smaller mature size on coast. Zone 4-9
Sweetgum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	75' h 50' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Native. Soil pH of 7.5 or less. Surface roots. Fruit attract wildlife, significant litter. Cultivar 'Rotundifolia' fruitless. Zones 5-9
Sycamore, American <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	75-90' h 60-70' w	FS	L	F	D	Native. Soil pH and texture adaptable. Prefers moist soil. Roots may heave sidewalks. Showy bark. Zones 4-9
Tulip poplar <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	80-120' h 25-40' w	FS	H	F	D	Native. Acidic soil, occasional wet. Avoid drought & salt. Showy greenish-yellow blooms in spring. Some leaf drop in high heat. Zones 4-9
Zelkova, Japanese <i>Zelkova serrata</i>	50-90' h 50-75' w	FS	H	M	D	Japan. Soil adaptable. Drought & urban tolerant once established. Cultivar 'Green Vase' elm-like. Zones 5-8

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Birch, river <i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage'	40-50' h 40-50' w	PS/FS	M	F	D	Native. Acidic soil. Drought sensitive in confined spaces. Roots need room. Cultivars available. Zones 3B-9
Crapemyrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	15-30' h 15-25' w	FS	H	M	D	China. Soil adaptable, urban tolerant, drought tolerant once established. Showy summer blooms. Zones 7-9
Crapemyrtle, Japanese <i>Lagerstroemia fauriei</i>	35-50' h 25-35' w	FS	H	M	D	Japan. Soil adaptable. Urban tolerant. White showy flowers. Beautiful bark. May be resistant to powdery mildew. Zones 6-9
Dogwood, flowering <i>Cornus florida</i>	20-30' h 20' w	PS	M	M	D	Native. Part shade. Drought sensitive, low salt tolerance, needs good drainage. White showy flowers. Horizontal branching pattern. Zones 5-9
Elm, lacebark <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> 'Drake'	40-50' h 35-50' w	FS	H	F	D	Asia. Soil adaptable. Drought tolerant once established. Thin bark. Urban tolerant. Zones 5-9
Goldenraintree <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	30-40' h 30-40' w	FS/PS	M	M	D	China. Soil adaptable. Salt, drought, urban tolerant. Bright yellow flowers in spring. Zones 5-8
Holly, East Palatka <i>Ilex x attenuata</i>	30-45' h 10-15' w	FS	M	M	E	Florida natural hybrid. Urban & drought tolerant once established. Red berries attract wildlife. Zones 7-9
Holly, American <i>Ilex opaca</i>	40-50' h 15-25' w	FS	M	S	E	Native. Salt and drought tolerant once established. Red berries attract birds, no litter. Zones 5-9
Holly, Nellie R. Stevens <i>Ilex x</i>	20-30' h 10-15' w	FS	H	M	E	Hybrid. Soil texture tolerant. Needs male and female plants for berries. Drought tolerant. Showy red berries & deep green leaves. Zones 6-9
Holly, Savannah <i>Ilex x attenuata</i>	30-45' h 6-10' w	FS	M	M	E	Hybrid. Acidic soil, urban tolerant. Red berries attract birds, no litter. Zones 6-9
Holly, weeping yaupon <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	20-30' h 6-12' w	FS	M	M	E	Native. Soil & pH adaptable. Thin bark. Flowers attract bees. Zones 7-10
Hophornbeam, American <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	30-40' h 25-35' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Native. All soils except wet. Salt sensitive, drought & urban tolerant. Small nutlets attract wildlife. Zones 3B-9

Hornbeam, American <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	20-40' h 20-30' w	PS	M	S	D	Native. Soil adaptable, occasionally wet, salt sensitive. Good climbing tree due to strong wood and low branches. Zones 3B-9
Hornbeam, European <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	30-40' h 15-20' w	PS	M	S	D	Europe. Soil adaptable. Urban tolerant. Fruit attracts birds, no litter problem. Good screen. Zones 5-7
Loquat <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	20-30' h 30-35' w	PS/FS	M	M	E	China. Southern range only. Texture tolerant. Well drained soil, afternoon shade. Orange or yellow fruit attracts wildlife, litter. Zones 8-10
Magnolia, sweetbay <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	40-50' h 15-25' w	PS	M	M	D	Native. Acidic soil. Tolerates wetlands. Flood & drought tolerant. Showy, white, fragrant flowers. Zones 5-9
Magnolia, Southern <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Bracken's Brown Beauty'	30-50'h 15-30'w	FS	H	M	E	Native. Soil adaptable. White showy blooms in summer & early fall. Smaller leaves than species. Zones 6-9
Maple, hedge <i>Acer campestre</i>	30-35' h 30-35' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	Europe. Soil adaptable, no compacted soil. Drought tolerant in part shade. Urban tolerant. Good screen plant. Good fall color. Zones 5-8
Maple, trident <i>Acer buergerianum</i>	30-40' h 25'w	PS/FS	H	M	D	China. Acidic, well drained soil. Urban, salt & wind tolerant. Attractive bark. Zones 5-8
Oak, Chinese evergreen <i>Quercus myrsinifolia</i>	20-40' h 20-30' w	FS	H	S	E	China. Soil adaptable, all textures. Bark smooth, gray, beech-like. New foliage emerges purple-bronze color. Zones 7-9
Oak, overcup <i>Quercus lyrata</i>	35-50' h 35-50' w	FS	H	M	D	Native. Soil adaptable, wet & drought tolerant once established. Urban tolerant. Acorns attract wildlife, significant litter. Zones 5-9
Palm, cabbage <i>Sabal palmetto</i>	40-50'h 10-12' w	PS/FS	H	S	E	Native. Soil tolerant, frond and fruit litter messy. Needs irrigation until established as all cut roots die back. Southern region only. Zones 8B-11
Palm, windmill <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	20-40' h 6-10' w	PS/FS	M	S	E	China. Soil texture adaptable. Drought tolerant once established. Protect from wind.Southern range of state only. Zones 8A-10B
Persian parrotia <i>Parrotia persica</i>	20-40' h 20-40' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	Iran. Soil adaptable, not wet. Drought tolerant once established. Attractive bark, thin bark. Urban tolerant. Zones 5-8
Pistache, Chinese <i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	25-35' h 25-35' w	FS/PS	H	M	D	China. Soil texture, pH, drought, urban tolerant. Fruit causes some litter. Zones 6-9
Redbud, eastern <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	20-30' h 15-30' w	PS	M	F	D	Native. Light, rich, moist soil, texture adaptable. Showy purple blooms in spring. Cultivar 'Texas White' good. Short lived. Zones 4-9
Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	40-50' h 8-25' w	FS	H	F	E	Native. Soil pH and texture tolerant. Blue fruit attracts wildlife. Good wind break, urban tolerant. Zones 3-9

Silverbell, Carolina <i>Halesia carolina</i>	20-40' h 15-30' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Native. Acidic soil. Drought sensitive in full sun, roots need room. Showy white blooms in spring. Zones 5-8
Snowbell, Japanese <i>Styrax japonicus</i>	20-30' h 15-25' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Japan. Acidic loamy soil. Afternoon shade, protect from wind. Attractive exfoliating bark. White showy blooms in spring. Zones 6-8
Stewartia, tall <i>Stewartia monadelph</i>	25-35' h 15-25' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	Japan. Acidic soils. Thin bark, attractive bark. White, camellia-like blooms in summer. Part shade best in 8B. Zones 6-8
Yellowwood, American <i>Cladastris kentukea</i>	30-50' h 40-50' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Native. Needs pruning while young. White fragrant blooms. Tolerates urban conditions. Zones 4-8

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Buckeye, red <i>Aesculus pavia</i>	15-20' h 15-25' w	S/FS	M	S	D	Native. Soil adaptable. Nice bark, showy blooms, seeds poisonous. Fruits attract wildlife. Litter. Zones 4-8
Chastetree <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	10-15' h 15-20' w	PS/FS	M	F	D	Europe. Soil & pH adaptable. Showy lavender blooms. Zones 7-8
Chastetree, cutleaf <i>Vitex negundo-</i> ' <i>Heterophylla</i> '	10-15' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	M	F	D	Africa. Soil & pH adaptable. Avoid wet soil. Showy lavender blooms attract bees. Zones 6-8
Cherry, Okame <i>Prunus x incamp</i> 'Okame'	15-25' h 20' w	PS/FS	M	M	D	Hybrid. Soil texture and pH adaptable. Roots need room. Pink showy blooms. Fruit attracts birds. Zones 7-9
Dogwood, Japanese <i>Cornus officinalis</i>	20' h 25' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Japan. Soil adaptable, salt sensitive. Showy blooms in spring, fruits in fall. Zones 5-8
Dogwood, kousa <i>Cornus kousa</i>	15-20' h 15-20' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Japan. Soil adaptable. Part shade, needs water. Roots need room. Showy white blooms in spring. Fruit attracts birds. Zones 5-8
Dogwood, pagoda <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	15-20' h 15-20' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Native. Part shade. Soil adaptable, mulch needed. Creamy white blooms in spring. Fruit attracts birds. Zones 3-7

Fringetree Chionanthus virginicus	12-15' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Native. Acidic soil. Thin bark easily damaged. Urban tolerant. Showy white blooms in spring. Fruit attracts birds. Zones 4-9
Fringetree, Chinese Chionanthus retusus	20' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	H	S	D	China. Acidic soil, occasionally wet. Shelter from wind. White showy blooms in spring. Fruit attracts wildlife. Zones 6-8
Holly, Foster's Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'	15-25' h 8-12' w	PS/FS	M	S	E	Hybrid. Acidic soil, occasionally wet. Drought tolerant. Red berries attract birds, no litter. Zones 6-9
Holly, yaupon Ilex vomitoria	15-20' h 15-20' w	S/FS	M	M	E	Native. Soil & pH greatly adaptable. Urban tolerant. Thin bark. Red berries attract wildlife. Zones 7-10
Maple, amur Acer ginnala	15-20' h 15-20' w	PS/FS	H	M	D	Japan. Soil adaptable. Drought tolerant once established. Showy white to yellow blooms in spring. Bright red fruit, some litter. Zones 3-8
Magnolia, star Magnolia stellata	15-20' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	M	S	D	Japan. Acidic rich soil, all textures. Not drought tolerant. White or pink showy blooms in spring. Zones 4-8
Magnolia, Southern Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	20-25' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	M	M	E	Native. Soil adaptable. Bark is thin, protect from mechanical injury. White showy blooms in summer and early fall. Zones 7-9
Palm, pindo Butia capitata	15-25' h 10-15' w	PS/FS	H	S	E	Brazil. Soil adaptable. Drought tolerant. Showy orange or yellow fruit attracts wildlife, significant litter. Southern range only. Zones 8B-11.
Redbud, Chinese Cercis chinensis	10-15' h 6-10' w	PS/FS	M	F	D	China. Light, rich, moist soil. Showy purple blooms in spring. Zones 6-9
Waxmyrtle Myrica cerifera	15-20' h 20-25' w	PS/FS	M	F	E	Native. Soil & pH adaptable, urban tolerant. Blue berries attract wildlife. Zones 8-11

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