

Recommended Trees

For Central Kansas

*Tree is native to our Kansas ecoregion



Tall Deciduous Trees (over 45')

- ***American Elm** –(use only Dutch elm disease tolerant varieties) ie. Jefferson, Princeton, New Harmony, Prairie Expedition,
- ***American Sycamore** –Platanus Occidentalis (adaptable, but more susceptible to foliar disease than London Planetree)
- ***American Linden**-Tilia Americana, *can't tolerate extended drought, but wonderful tree for pollinators
- Baldcypress**- Taxodium distichum (may suffer iron chlorosis in high pH soil, Frio River & 'Shawnee Brave' baldcypress CAN tolerate high soil pH)
- ***Black Walnut**– Juglans nigra-does produce nuts-shells/husks can stain concrete
- ***Bur Oak** -Quercus macrocarpa (one of the best trees for Kansas)
- ***Caddo Sugar Maple**-Acer saccharum 'Caddo', 'John Pair', 'Autumn Splendor', 'Flashfire', others... native range is in Oklahoma
- ***Common Hackberry** -Celtis occidentalis-a little more prone to decay with age or any wounding /storm damage, tough otherwise
- ***English Oak**—Quercus robur, several cultivars available
- Ginkgo**: 'Autumn Gold', 'Princeton Sentry' use MALE cultivars only
- ***Honey locust** -Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline', 'Shademaster' and other thornless cultivars
- Hybrid Elms**- Patriot, Triumph, Greenstone, Accolade, New Horizon, others
- Japanese Pagodatree**- Sophora japonica
- Japanese Zelkova** - Zelkova serrata
- ***Kentucky Coffeetree** -Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso', others, look for male varieties that don't produce pods, great tree for KS
- ***London Planetree** (Platanus x acerifolia) Cultivars - 'Bloodgood' or 'Exclamation' have best disease resistance
- Miyabe Maple** -Acer miyabei
- ***Northern Catalpa**-Catalpa Speciosa
- Norway Maple**-Acer platanoides 'Emerald Queen', 'Superform'-tend to have surface roots, keep 5'-7' away from concrete & sidewalks
- ***Oregon Trail Sugar Maple**-native maple from Hiawatha KS, sugar maples are a native to eastern Kansas
- ***Shingle Oak** -Quercus imbricaria
- ***Shumard Oak**-Quercus shumardii, adaptable tree for many types of sites
- ***Texas Red Oak**-Quercus buckeyli, red fall color, more drought and heat tolerant than Shumard oak.

Medium Deciduous Trees (30 to 45')

- Amur Maackia**-Maackia amurensis, tough, summer flowers
- ***Chinkapin Oak** -Quercus muehlenbergii
- Columnar oaks**: 'Crimson Spire', 'Columnar English Oak', others
- Goldenrain Tree** -Koelreuteria paniculata, summer flowers
- Trident Maple**-Acer buergerianum
- Hedge maple**-Acer campestre, tolerant of tough conditions
- Lacebark Elm** -Ulmus parvifolia (some can get larger than 45') Also **Frontier Elm** -Ulmus frontier, some red fall color
- Little Leaf Linden**– Tilia Cordata 'Greenspire', a nice landscape tree, good for pollinators, needs some moisture during drought periods
- ***Osage Orange**-Maclura pomifera, use thornless & fruitless varieties such as 'Whiteshield', 'Wichita', a tree with very few problems in KS
- Shantung Maple** -Acer truncatum, also Norwegian/Pacific Sunset
- ***White Mulberry** -fruitless Morus alba
- Silver Linden**-Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling' symmetrical, a little more drought tolerant than other lindens,
- ***Western Soapberry** -Sapindus drummondii-fruit can be messy, tough tree, best not to plant near sidewalks or driveways to avoid mess

Small Deciduous Trees (under 30')

- Amur Maple** -Acer ginnala-may get iron chlorosis in high pH soil
- Chinese Fringe Tree**-Chionanthus spp.
- ***Eastern Redbud or Oklahoma Redbud** -Cercis sp. (15-25 year lifespan)
- ***Flowering Crabapple** -Malus, various cultivars, do research and choose varieties with disease resistance
- Japanese Tree Lilac**- Syringa reticulata
- Japanese Zelkova**– 'City sprite', 'Wireless' (look for small varieties)
- ***Serviceberry**-Amelanchier x grandiflora-can have root suckers, prefers evenly moist soil, available in single or multi-stem forms
- Smoketree**-Cotinus spp. Also **American smoketree** which has good fall color
- Seven Son Flower** -Heptacodium miconioides –a large shrub that can be trained as a small tree, late summer flowers
- ***Tatarian Maple**-Acer tataricum, is adaptable to most KS soils

Evergreen Trees

- Juniper** -Juniperus spp. (many cultivars in different sizes and shapes available--look for Juniperus virginiana, Juniperus chinensis, communis, horizontalis, and others. **Avoid** Juniperus 'scopulorum' varieties-these varieties tend to have more canker diseases and issues in our area
- ***Eastern Red Cedar** (native juniper) is recommended for windbreaks
- Pines** (use sparingly due to pine wilt and diseases) Pinyon, Ponderosa, Limber, Lacebark, Southwestern White, Bosnian, others....
- Oriental Arborvitae**-the best tried and true arborvitae in KS
- Green Giant Arborvitae**-a newer arborvitae that has shown some good potential, try with caution