

SELECTING TREES FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

The planting of woody trees and shrubs in the home landscape is not only fun, but a direct investment in the value of the property. For some people, selecting a tree is easy, but for others, the large variety of trees available is confusing. Below are important issues to consider when planning a tree purchase. After reading this, please refer to several excellent websites and publications at the end of this article for additional help. And of course, our expert gardening professionals are only a phone call away.

Let's consider a few questions concerning trees in the landscape:

- How much space is there for the tree? Will it still fit in this space in ten or twenty years?
- Are there service wires overhead, or sewer/utility lines underground to avoid?
- Tree roots spread at least as far as the branches above ground, is there enough root area for the tree to grow?
- Does the plant drop a lot of fruit or seeds that may be a problem near decks or pools?
- How many hours of sun per day does the spot get? Does that match the desired trees needs?
- Is the tree serving a special purpose, such as privacy or home energy conservation ?

Once you have the selection whittled down to a small group of trees, it is appropriate to consult with a nursery professional. In the nursery trade, there can be many 'varieties' of trees. Just as in the paint store there are innumerable shades of 'Green', in the garden center, you will not find just a Red Maple, but usually several varieties of Red Maple, each promoting a certain advantage, such as nice fall color, narrow growth habit, or seedless character. This is where the nursery person can help select the variety that is best and currently available.

Trees are also divided into deciduous or evergreen trees. Pines, Spruces, and Firs are evergreen trees with needles or scale-like leaves which stay on the tree year round. Deciduous trees drop their leaves or needles in the fall each year and re-grow them again in the spring. This can be an important consideration when planning a planting for privacy or home energy conservation.

We hope the tree lists on the following pages are helpful. These lists are also general guidelines. Our nursery has access to the hundreds of supplier nurseries across the U.S. and thousands of varieties of trees. Specific or hard to find varieties can be special ordered.

LEARN MORE: Just a few of the excellent print and online resources:

WWW.OHIOLINE.OSU.EDU : Great fact sheets on home gardening topics.

WWW.PLANTS.USDA.GOV : Good information on plants from the U.S. Depart. Of Agriculture.

WWW.DAVESGARDEN.COM : A big maze of a site on all gardening issues

Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ohio by Fred Hower and A. Beck, 2004 Lone Pine Press. Good book.

Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs, by Michael Dirr. The standard reference for woody plants in print



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The purchase of a tree for the home landscape should be done after some consideration of the site where the tree will be planted. Below is a general listing of the various trees carried by Oakland Nursery. Note that there may be many varieties of each species available. For example, under the heading Japanese Maples, there are about one thousand varieties of every conceivable color, shape and size to 25 feet. All trees listed here are deciduous. Additional listings for evergreen trees are on following sheets. The heights given for each class are the height of each plant at maturity, which may be from 15 to 70 years from planting.

SMALL SPECIMEN SPECIES < 20' HIGH

CONTORTED FILBERT KOREAN LILAC ON STD. JAPANESE MAPLE
 HYDRANGEA TREE SARGENT TINA CRABAPPLE MARIKEN GINKGO

WEeping TREES OF VARIOUS SPECIES: BEECH, BIRCH, FL. CHERRY, PEA SHRUB,
 PUSSYWILLOW, CRABAPPLE, KATSURATREE, MULBERRY, LARCH, GINKGO, REDBUD,
 AND BALDCYPRESS.

SMALL SPECIES 6-25' HIGH

AMUR MAPLE	PAPERBARK MAPLE	JAPANESE MAPLE
TATARIAN MAPLE	TRIDENT MAPLE	BIGTOOTH MAPLE
STRIPED MAPLE	THREE FLOWER MAPLE	RED BUCKEYE
STEWARTIA	SERVICEBERRY	FLOWERING PLUM
GRAY BIRCH	PAPERBARK BIRCH	CORNELIAN CHERRY
JAPANESE SNOWBELL	CHASTETREE	FERNLEAF BUCKTHORN
EASTERN REDBUD	FLOWERING DOGWOOD	KOUSA DOGWOOD
HAWTHORN	STAR MAGNOLIA	SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA
FLOWERING CRABAPPLE	JAPANESE TREE LILAC	SMOKETREE
SILVERBELL	SOURWOOD	FLOWERING CHERRY
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MEDIUM SPECIES 25-40' HIGH

HEDGE MAPLE	SHANTUNG MAPLE	AMERICAN HOPHORN BEAM
MIYABE MAPLE	EUROPEAN HORNBEAM	TRI-COLOR BEECH
KATSURATREE	AMUR MACCKIA	COMMON PERSIMMON
HARDY RUBBER TREE	RED BUCKEYE	QUAKING ASPEN
GOLDEN RAIN TREE	LOBNER MAGNOLIA	BLACK GUM
SAUCER MAGNOLIA	PERSIAN IRONWOOD	SILVERBELL
AMERICAN HORNBEAM	AMUR CORKTREE	SARGENT CHERRY
CALLERY PEAR	SAWTOOTH OAK	LACEBARK ELM
OHIO BUCKEYE	ALDER	TURKISH FILBERT
YELLOWWOOD	WILLOW	ENGLISH WALNUT

LARGE SPECIES 40'+ HIGH

SUGAR MAPLE	RED MAPLE	HYBRID (FREEMAN) MAPLES
BIRCH	NORWAY MAPLE	OAKS
BEECH SP.	HYBRID ELMS	HONEY LOCUST
GINKO	KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE	LARCH
LINDEN	SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	ZELKOVA
SASSAFRAS	BALD CYPRESS	DAWN REDWOOD
HACKBERRY	EUROPEAN ALDER	KATSURA
SWEET GUM	TULIP TREE	LONDON PLANE TREE

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SMALL < 25' in HEIGHT

OREGON BLUE FALSECYPRESS	SULLIVAN FALSECYPRESS	HINOKI FALSECYPRESS
UPRIGHT HOLLY	UPRIGHT JUNIPER	WEeping HEMLOCK
WEeping NORWAY SPRUCE	WEeping WHITE SPRUCE	WEeping BLUE SPRUCE
WEeping WHITE PINE	FAT ALBERT BLUE SPRUCE	ROWE LACEBARK PINE
BRISTLECONE PINE	DRAGON'S EYE PINE	
TANYOSHO PINE	JAPANESE WHITE PINE	EMERALD ARBORVITAE

MANY CULTIVARS OF DWARF CONIFERS.

MEDIUM 25-40' in HEIGHT

CANAAN FIR	BLACK HILLS SPRUCE	BAKERII BLUE SPRUCE
UPRIGHT BLUE SPRUCE	HOOPSII BLUE SPRUCE	LACEBARK PINE
SCOTCH PINE	SWISS STONE PINE	DARK GREEN ARBORVITAE
WESTERN ARBORVITAE	PYRAMIDAL YEW	VANDERWOLF PINE

LARGE 40' + in HEIGHT

CONCOLOR FIR	NORWAY SPRUCE	WHITE PINE
EASTERN HEMLOCK	WHITE SPRUCE	SERBIAN SPRUCE
DOUGLAS FIR	AUSTRIAN PINE	COLORADO SPRUCE
COLUMNAR NORWAY SPRUCE	SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	UPRIGHT WHITE PINE

HEDGING OR PRIVACY EVERGREENS

EMERALD GREEN ARBORVITAE	DARK GREEN ARBORVITAE	WESTERN ARBORVITAE
HOLLY	HEMLOCK	SULLIVAN CYPRESS
PYRAMIDAL JAPANESE YEW	HICKSII YEW	CITATION YEW
ATLANTIC WHITE CEDAR sp.		

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