

Tree Species Descriptions

American Arborvitae: A medium growing upright evergreen shrub which grows about 40' at maturity. An excellent windbreak.

Austrian Pine: A rugged fast growing tree well adapted to adverse growing conditions. Dense growth is dark green and needles are rigid. Mature height 50'.

Colorado Blue Spruce: A slower, but most popular conifer. Narrow to broad pyramidal outline with horizontal stiff branches. Needles range from dark green to silver blue. Excellent for ornamental and windbreak plantings. Mature height is 40-60'.

Eastern White Pine: A tall tree with relatively few and horizontal large limbs. Needles are 2-4" long, slender. Cones slender 3-10" long. Bark is dark. Height is 80-110' and 2-3' diameter.

Norway Spruce: One of the fastest growing spruce trees. Slender trunk with short drooping branches forming a very narrow pyramidal shape. Used for windbreaks, grows on most sites except where soil is water-soaked. Mature height is 80-100'.

Eastern Red Cedar: A moderate pyramidal grower that reaches 40-50 feet at maturity. Fruits appear after 10 years of age. Bark is light reddish brown. Not suitable to plant near apple orchards due to cedar apple rust disease.

American Cranberry: A moderate growing large shrub. Showy small white flowers in spring. In late summer the fruit turn bright red and remain on throughout the winter or until harvested by birds. Foliage turns a bright red in fall. Excellent choice for hedges and borders.

Black Cherry:

Moderate to rapid grower that will reach 50-60'. Clusters of white flowers from April to June. Fruit will appear June to November as dark purple, small clusters of berries.

Black Walnut: A valuable timber tree for veneer and furniture wood. Unlike other hardwood it grows well in most locations. Has delicious nuts.

Common Lilac:

A multi-stemmed tall shrub reaches 15' in height. Leaves are heart shaped dark green to bluish green. Flowers are light purple, pink or even white, fragrant flowers.

Pin Oak:

Pyramidal tree with glossy dark green leaves that change to bronze or red in the fall. Dried, brown leaves remain on the tree for much of the winter. Light brown acorns provide food for a wide range of animals. Prefers moist,

rich, acidic, well-drained soil. Will tolerate clay soil and standing water for a short period. Mature height 40-50'

Pond Cypress:

A deciduous conifer grows to a height of 50-60' Bark is a pale gray color with cones not over 2.5 cm diameter. Grows well in wet areas.

Red Bud: Extremely popular small landscape tree that grows to 25-35'. Clusters of rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green then to yellow.

Sugar Maple: A large ornamental shade tree. Small red flowers in spring and brilliant red fall colors. Tolerates wet, swampy areas or lime soil.

Swamp White Oak: A rapid growing tree with a mature height of 60-70'.

The crown shape and bi-colored leaves (dark above, lighter beneath) are attractive features; fall color is yellow, with occasional red-purple. The trees can grow well in areas that are dry, poorly drained and wet, or even occasionally flooded, and they will tolerate significant soil compaction.

Sweet Gum: Pyramidal, becoming broader with age. Fall color ranges from yellow and orange then red, crimson, burgundy and purple. Plants prefer moist to occasionally wet, slightly acidic rich soils. However adapts readily to poor soils that are dry in summer. Grows in full sun to partial sun. Height to 75'.

Wildflower Packet: Consists of a blend of flower seeds with 15-16 different annual and perennial species adapted for this area. Flowers will bloom from early spring into fall.

Butterfly/Hummingbird Packet: Each packet contains 10—13 annual and perennial varieties. This is designed to attract both butterfly and hummingbirds.

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They are priced at:**

25-\$4.00

50-\$6.00

100-\$10.00

and come in yellow, red, orange, fluorescent pink or green.