

TREE & SHRUB DESCRIPTIONS



WHITE PINE: Fast growing to 100-150' with a 50-60' spread; will reach a height of 6' in 6-7 years starting with a 3-year old seedling. Bluish-green needles are 3-5" long in bundles of five; cones are curved, 4-8 inches long. Likes full sun but will tolerate more shade than other pines and is best suited on well-drained upland level or sandy soils. Can be easily restrained to manageable height by pruning once in early summer.



NORWAY SPRUCE: One of the fastest growing of all spruces. Best suited on well-drained soils. As the tree grows older, side branches become horizontal with slight upturn at the tip. Secondary branches hang downward from main branches, giving the tree a graceful appearance. Large cones (4 to 6 inches long), largest of any of the spruces, are an added attraction in years when they are produced.



RED BUD: Small, pink flowers in early spring, followed by budding of leaves. Large, dark green heart-shaped leaves. Tree reaches height of 20-30', spread to 25-35'. Leaves are flat, heart-shaped and toothless, up to five inches long. Foliage is yellow in fall, of short duration. Clusters of dark brown pods in fall and winter. Hardy, tolerant of a wide range of soils. Good ornamental because of spectacular appearance when flowering in the spring. Full sun, or light shade in windy or dry areas. Medium growth rate.

WHITE FLOWERING DOGWOOD: Dense, lustrous, green foliage, turning bright scarlet in the fall. Clusters of pink or white flowers up to 5 inches in diameter bloom in late May, giving way to bright red berries in clusters in the fall. Does best in acidic, moist soil, but is known to grow well in average well-drained soil. Dogwoods are a smaller variety of trees, with an average height and spread of 25'. It has a medium growth rate. The White Dogwood is considered to be the best ornamental of all trees native to the northern United States.



RED MAPLE: Beautiful large ornamental shade tree grows 40-60' with a 40' spread'. Medium to fast growth rate. Full sun to light shade. Leaves are broad, five-pointed, up to five inches long. Leaves change from deep green in spring and summer to bright red in the fall. Prefers fertile, well-drained soil, but tolerates most others. Very popular shade and ornamental tree.



NORTHERN RED OAK: Grows to 75'. Its dense, lustrous green foliage turns a deep red in the fall; leaves are spiny, pointed lobes rather than rounded.. Grows best in sandy to rich loamy soil in full sun. The fastest growing of all oaks, with average growth rate of approximately 2' per year. Acorns approximately an inch long with a flat, shallow cup at the base. Transplants easily, withstands city conditions.



TULIP POPLAR: A very large, fast growing tree. Its average height is 70-100 with a 40' spread. Prefers deep, rather moist soil and generally considered shade-intolerant. Used as a major honey tree in the eastern U.S. Highly recommended as a "shade tree." Stems are aromatic. Fast growth rate.



PECAN: This variety tolerates severe cold, produces a generous crop of thin-shelled nuts in 10-15 years. Nuts are approximately 1-2 inches long, smaller than Georgia pecans. Medium growing tree, reaching an average height of 80 feet with a 55' spread. Needs a pollinator to produce pecans, therefore you must purchase 2 in order for them to produce pecans.



BALD CYPRESS: Shade tree that is adaptable to wet or dry conditions, but best known for wet areas. Prefers acidic soils. 50'-70' tall with a 25' spread. Full sun. Medium growth rate.



LILAC: This shrub offers light purple or lavender blooms in April or May. They are very fragrant and can be used to form a hedge, border, windbreak, screen or as an individual specimen. Tolerates many soil types and does well in full sun or partial shade. Grows 8-15 feet tall with a 6-12 feet spread.