

NATIVE TREES

For Gardening and Landscaping



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White Spruce (*Picea glauca*)

Classic conical Christmas tree shape. Short stiff needles are bluish green. Most adaptable native spruce for landscape planting. Many cultivars.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist, well drained	50'/20'	2-6



Alternate-leaved Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)

Also known as "Pagoda Dogwood" because of unusual horizontal branch structure. Excellent small tree for partial shade. Clusters of small white flowers, good fall color. Shade tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - full shade	Moist, well drained	20'/10'	3-7



Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

Rangy oak with shaggy-capped acorns and big dark glossy leaves, often with distinctive deep lobe in middle. Very adaptable and tough, will grow on both acidic and alkaline soils. Flood tolerant and somewhat drought tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Dry - wet	80'/60'	3-8



Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

Red flowers followed by red seeds in spring. Red-stemmed leaves with whitish undersides in summer. Red and yellow leaves in fall. Well-known as a swamp tree, but also grows well on upland sites. Most versatile native maple for landscapes. Many cultivars. Flood tolerant.

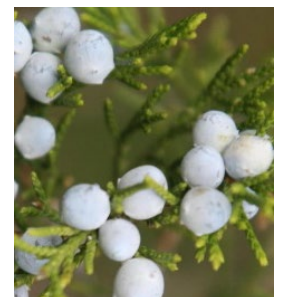
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Full sun - light shade	Dry - wet	50'/30'	3-9



Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

Young trees narrow, columnar. Older trees more conical form. Small, blue, berry-like cones on female trees are eaten by many birds. Tough tree which thrives on dry, harsh, rocky sites. Grows well on limestone, and also on more acidic sites. Very drought tolerant. Must have full sun.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Dry - moist, well drained	40'/15'	3-9



Serviceberry, Shadbush (*Amelanchier arborea*)

Graceful small tree. Has delicate white flowers in early spring. Flowers followed by oval leaves and edible berries in summer. Vivid fall colors.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist, well drained	20'/15'	4-9



Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

Great fall color. Fruit attracts many birds and mammals, good nectar source for honey bees. Salt and shade tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - full shade	Dry - wet	50'/30'	4-9



Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

Dark green leaves with white undersides. Tolerates compacted soils and drought. Also good for wet areas, flood tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - full shade	Dry - wet	80'/50'	4-8



Tamarack (*Larix laricina*)

Deciduous conifer with soft bluish-green needles, small round cones. A northern species which does well on cool, wet sites. Bright yellow fall color.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun	Moist - wet	50'/15'	2-4



River Birch (*Betula nigra*)

Young trees have spectacular, multi-colored, peeling bark in warm shades of tan, brown, pink and cream. Popular birch for landscape use because of heat tolerance and disease resistance. Flood tolerant.

Light	Soil	Height/Spread (ft)	Zone
Full sun - partial shade	Moist - wet	60'/30'	3-9



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