LANDSCAPE TREE LIST

The following list of trees was compiled to aid landscape architects and designers in selections for parking lot shading, street frontage and/or visual screening. Tree selection should be based on adaptability to site conditions. Individual constraints and characteristics are shown in columns on the attached list to help choose an appropriate tree:

Planter width: Recommended minimum planter width Max. Height: Approximate tree height near maturity

Growth: Growth rate

Roots: Root growth and depth Soil: Suggested soil type

Flowers/Fruit: Significant flowers and/or fruit D/E Type: D= deciduous or E= evergreen

Remarks: Characteristics such as fall color, diseases, and other miscellaneous information

The species listed are not recommended for all situations; other species may be appropriate for a particular use. Consultation with a landscape architect, certified arborist, and/or nursery person is urged before any selections are made. Professional guidance is recommended to assure that the optimal design is achieved to meet the goals of each project. Proper planting procedures, adequate space, soil, water requirements, applicable County codes and ordinances, and maintenance programs should be ascertained at the start of the landscape project. It is important to note that proper planting procedures may include digging past any existing hardpan layer to assure deep rooting and proper growth.

NOTE: Symbols have been placed in front of certain species to indicate that particular tree's potential use for shade or screening purposes. An asterisk (*) indicates that the tree has characteristics appropriate for use as a screen tree. A plus mark (+) denotes that the tree has characteristics to provide good shade.



30-35 FOOT DIAMETER TREES

SHADE CREDIT:

100% = 962 sq. ft. 75% = 721 sq. ft. 50% = 481 sq. ft. 25% = 240 sq ft.

Botanical Name and Common Name	Planter Width	Max. Height	Growth	Roots	Soil	Flowers/ Fruit	D/E Type	Remarks
Acer platanoides Norway Maple	8 feet	50 -60 feet	Rapid	Medium	Moist Drained	Winged Pod	D	Yellow fall color, aggressive root system, susceptible to aphids, mistletoe
+Acer rubrum var. Red Maple	6 feet	Up to 60 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Soils	Red Fruit	D	Red fall color
Alnus rhombifolia White Alder	6 feet	40 – 80 feet	Rapid	Shallow Invasive	Wet or Boggy	Insignifican t Cones	D	Does poorly in interior valley, smog intolerant, short-lived
Betula nigra <i>River Birch</i>	8 feet	50 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Soils	Catkins	D	Yellow fall color, pyramidal form when matures
*Calocedrus decurrens Incense Cedar	8 feet	50 – 90 feet	Slow	Deep Lateral	Most Soils Poor	Small Cones	E	Drought tolerant. Foliage is aromatic.
*Cedrus deodora <i>Deodar Cedar</i>	8 feet	80 feet	Fast	Deep	Most Soils	Cones	Е	Needs adequate room, broad branching at base
Celtis australis European Hackberry	6 feet	80 feet	Moderate	Medium to Deep	Most Soils	Small Purple Berries	D	Susceptible to Asian Woolly Hackberry Aphid (infestation is messy around pavement)
Celtis occidentalis Chinese Hackberry	6 feet	60 feet	Moderate	Medium to Deep	Most Soils	Small Purple Berries	D	Susceptible to Asian Woolly Hackberry Aphid (infestation can be messy around pavement)
Cinnamomum camphora Camphor Tree	10 feet	50 feet	Slow	Surface to Shallow	Most Soils	-	E	Surface root problems. Turns yellow-green in winter. Prone to virticillium wilt.
Fraxinus pen. 'Marshall' Marshall Green Ash	6 feet	40 feet	Fast	Shallow	Most Soils	-	D	Seedless variety. Prone to insect and disease damage.
Fraxinus aug. 'Raywood' <i>Raywood Ash</i>	6 feet	35 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Soils	-	D	Purple-red fall color, prone to insect and disease damage.
Fraxinus uhdei Evergreen Ash	6 feet	70 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Well Drained	-	E	Prone to insect and disease damage.

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+Ginko biloba Maidenhair Tree	8 feet	50 feet	Slow	Deep	Most Soils	-	D	Bright yellow fall color, specify male variety only.
+Liriodendron tulipifera Tulip Tree	8 feet	80 feet	Moderate	Deep Spreading	Deep Moist	Brown Cone	D	Yellow-brown fall color. Unusual lyre shaped leaf has scale, susceptible to aphids (infestation can be messy on pavement).
+Magnolia grandiflora Southern Magnolia	10 feet	60 feet	Slow	Deep	Deep Moist	White Flower	Е	Aggressive surface roots, requires plenty of space.
+Pistache chinensis Chinese Pistache	6 feet	60 feet	Slow	Deep	Most Soils	-	D	Orange/red fall color
+Platanus acerifolia London Plane Tree	8 feet	70 feet	Rapid	Shallow Spreading	Most Deep	-	D	Brown fall color. Prone to red spider, powdery mildew, anthracnose. Use 'Bloodgood' or 'Yarwood' varieties. Summer litter
+Quercus agrifolia Coast Live Oak	8 feet	70 feet	Moderate	Deep	Most dry or moist	Acorn	E	May have caterpillars in spring
Quercus coccinea Scarlet Oak	8 feet	60 feet	Rapid	Deep Spreading	Dry, Rocky Sandy	Acorn	D	Scarlet fall color
+Quercus ilex Holly Oak	6 feet	70 feet	Moderate	Deep	Most Soils	Acorn	E	May have caterpillars
+Quercus lobata Valley Oak	8 feet	70 feet	Moderate	Deep	Deep	Acorn	D	Native species, may develop oak galls, litters
+Quercus rubra Red Oak	8 feet	90 feet	Fast	Deep	Deep Moist	Acorn	D	Red/brown/orange fall color
+Quercus suber Cork Oak	8 feet	100 feet	Moderate	Deep	Most Soils, Well- Drained	Acorn	Е	Cork bark surface texture
Quercus virginiana Southern Live Oak	8 feet	60 feet	Moderate to Fast	Deep	Deep, Moist	Acorns	Е	Non-native

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Sapium sebiferum Chinese Tallow Tree	6 feet	35 feet	Moderate	Medium	Deep soil to avoid root problems, Moist	Yellow Berries	D	Red/yellow/orange fall color, likes acid soil, surface roots, avoid near natural open space areas because of ability to propagate easily.
Schinus molle Calif. Pepper Tree	8 feet	40 feet	Rapid Invasive	Shallow	Most Soils Berries	Yellow Berries	E	Broad tree at maturity needs space.
Tilia americana American Linden	6 feet	60 feet	Fast	Deep	Fertile Moist	Small Nutlets	D	Susceptible to aphids- infestation can be messy around pavement
Ulmus parvifolia var. Chinese Elm	6 feet	50 feet	Rapid	Medium	Most Soils	-	Semi- E	Deciduous in colder winter areas, 'True Green', 'Drake', and 'Athena' are common cultivars.
+Umbellularia californica California Bay	6 feet	70 feet	Slow	Medium	Most Soils Moist	Yellow Clusters Olive Fruit	E	Drought tolerant
+Zelkova serrata Zelkova	8 feet	70 feet	Rapid	Shallow Surface	Most Soils	-	D	Red/yellow fall color. Elm Leaf Beetle. May be susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease. Can be top heavy; requires thinning.

25-30 FOOT DIAMETER TREES

SHADE CREDIT:

100% = 707 sq. ft. 75% = 530 sq. ft. 50% = 354 sq. ft. 25% = 177 sq ft.

Botanical Name and Common Name	Planter Width	Max. Height	Growth	Roots	Soil	Flowers Fruit	D/E Type	Remarks
Alnus cordata Italian Alder	6 feet	40 feet	Rapid	Shallow Invasive	Wet, Boggy	Cones	D	Roots more restrained than Alnus rhombifolia.
Alnus glutinosa Black Alder	6 feet	50 feet	Moderate	Shallow Invasive	Wet, Boggy	Cones	D	
Ceratonia siliqua Carob Tree	8 feet	40 feet	Moderate	Surface to Shallow	Most Soils	Pods	E	Messy pod drop, Specify male variety only.
Eucalyptus nicholii Willow-leafed Peppermint	6 feet	40 feet	Fast	Shallow Invasive	Light Drained	White Flower Capsules	Е	Drought tolerant.
Koelreuteria paniculata Golden Rain Tree	6 feet	35 feet	Slow Moderate	Deep	Most Soils Drained	Yellow Flowers Capsules	D	Drought tolerant
Liquidamber styraciflua var. American Sweet Gum	8 feet	40 feet	Moderate	Shallow Surface	Deep Moist	1-inch round burs	D	Crimson/yellow fall color, litters burs, cork twigs, invasive roots, can break pavement, site clearance problem, avoid pedestrian traffic areas.
Nyssa sylvatica Topelo or Sour Gum	6 feet	60 feet	Moderate	Deep	Most Soils Wet	White Flowers Small Plum- like	D	Scarlet/orange fall color, takes much or little water
Pinus canariensis Canary Island Pine	6 feet	60 feet	Rapid	Deep	Poor Sandy	8-inch Cones	E	Conifer, blue green needles, drought, site clearance problem
Pinus densiflora Japanese Red Pine	6 feet	80 feet	Rapid	Deep	Poor Sandy	2-inch Cones	E	Conifer, mites, site clearance problem
*Pinus eldarica <i>Mondell Pine</i>	6 feet	80 feet	Fast	Deep	Most Soils Dry	4-inch Cones	Е	Conifer, good for erosion control, site clearance problem
*Pinus halepensis <i>Allepo Pine</i>	8 feet	60 feet	Rapid	Deep	Most Dry	4-inch Cones	E	Conifer, wind break, erosion control, site clearance problem
Pinus ponderosa Ponderosa Pine	8 feet	50 feet	Moderate	Deep	Most Soils	3 to 5 inch Cones	E	Conifer, drought tolerant, site clearance problem

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*Pinus sylvestris Scotch Pine	6 feet	50 feet	Moderate	Deep	Poor Sandy	2-inch Cones	E	Conifer, site clearance problem
+Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat' <i>Aristocrat Pear</i>	6 feet	50 feet	Moderate to Fast	Deep	Most Soils Moist	White Clusters	D	Scarlet red fall color, resists fire-blight
Quercus palustris Pin Oak	6 feet	50 feet	Rapid	Shallow Fibrous	Rich Most Soils Drained	Acorn	D	Scarlet fall color, no alkali soil, brown leaves hang on during winter, low-branching
Robinia ambigua 'Purple Robe' <i>Purple Locust</i>	8 feet	40 feet	Fast	Shallow	Most Soil	Purple Flower	D	Roots can be invasive, limbs susceptible to wind breakage
*Sequoia sempervirens Coast Redwood	8 feet	90 feet	Rapid	Shallow	Deep Moist	1-inch Cones	E	Conifer, site clearance problem
Tilia cordata Little Leaf Linden	6 feet	50 feet	Fast	Deep	Fertile Moist	Yellow- white flowers, turning to nutlets	D	Flowers attract bees, aphid drip

20-25 FOOT DIAMETER TREES

SHADE CREDIT:

100% = 491 sq. ft. 75% = 368 sq. ft. 50% = 246 sq. ft. 25% = 123 sq ft.

Botanical Name and Common Name	Planter Width	Max. Height	Growth	Roots	Soil	Flowers Fruit	D/E Type	Remarks
Arbutus 'Marina' <i>Marina Strawberry Tree</i>	6 feet	30 feet	Slow	Medium	Well drained	Pink flowers/ yellow & red fruit	E	Fruit may attract birds
Carpinus betulus European Hornbean	6 feet	40 feet	Slow	Medium	Most Soils	Winged Seeds	D	Yellow fall color, availability limited
*Geijera parvifolia Australian Willow	6 feet	30 feet	Moderate	Shallow	Well drained	Yellow Fragrant	Е	Drought tolerant, low-branching
*Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga' Sweet Bay	6 feet	40 feet	Slow	Deep	Moist, Sandy	Yellow Flowers Black Berry	Е	Specify standard form
Magnolia grandiflora 'Russet'	8 feet	40 feet	Moderate	Shallow	Well drained	White	E	Upright, narrow form
Olea Europaea 'Majestic Beauty' or 'Swan Hill'	8 feet	30 feet	Slow	Shallow	Wall drained	Black	E	Grey-green foliage; use cultivars that generate little or no fruit; standard trunk and multi-trunk forms available
Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan' Japanese Flowering Cherry	6 feet	30 feet	Moderate	Medium	Well drained	Double Pink	D	Upright form that spreads with age
Prunus cerasifera var. Purple Leaf Plum	6 feet	30 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Soils	White to Pink	D	Purple leaves, top heavy (thin out), messy fruit drop dependent upon cultivar used
Zizyphus jujube Jujube Chinese Date	6 feet	30 feet	Moderate	Deep	Deep, Moist	Small Date	D	Some drought tolerance

15-20 FOOT DIAMETER TREES

SHADE CREDIT: 100% = 314 sq. ft. 75% = 235 sq. ft. 50% = 157 sq. ft. 25% = 79 sq ft.

Botanical Name and Common Name	Planter Width	Max. Height	Growth	Roots	Soil	Flowers Fruit	D/E Type	Remarks
Acer palmatum Japanese Maple	4 feet	25 feet	Slow	Shallow	Moist Drained	Small Winged	D	Red fall color, afternoon shade, wilt, fungus, multiple trunk
Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'	4 feet	40 feet	Fast	Medium	Most Soils	Red Fruit	D	Red/Orange fall color, Narrow columnar form
Acer buergeranum Trident Maple	4 feet	25 feet	Moderate	Shallow	Moist Drained	Small Winged	D	Red fall color
Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree	5 feet	25 feet	Slow	Medium	Well drained	White flower/ yellow & red fruit	E	Red-brown bark and limbs, fruit may attract birds
Cercis canadensis Eastern Redbud	4 feet	35 feet	Moderate	Medium	Most Soils	Red, Spring	D	Yellow/red fall color, drought tolerant, foliage can burn in summer winds.
Cercis occidentalis Western Redbud	4 feet	20 feet	Moderate	Medium	Most Soils	Red, Spring	D	Yellow to red fall color, usually a small tree, multiple trunk
Lagerstroemia indica var. Crape Myrtle	4 feet	25 feet	Slow	Shallow	Most Soils	Flower Colors Vary	D	Red /gold fall color, needs full sun all day, mildew, aphids. Many cultivars.
Maytenus boaria Mayten Tree	4 feet	30 feet	Slow to Moderate	Deep	Most Soils, Moist	-	E	Weeping habit, must have well drained soil
Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' Chanticleer Pear	5 feet	30 feet	Moderate to Fast	Deep	Most Soils, Moist	White	D	Red fall color, narrow columnar form
*Pyrus kawakami Evergreen Pear	4 feet	30 feet	Moderate	Medium to Deep	Most Soils	White Flowers	Semi- E	Partially evergreen, susceptible to fire blight
Rhus lancea <i>African Sumac</i>	4 feet	25 feet	Slow	Medium	Most Drained	Small Red Berries	E	Drought tolerant, messy berries
+Prunus blireiana Flowering Plum	4 feet	25 feet	Moderate	Medium	Most Soils	Pink to Rose	D	Purple leaves, aphids
+Prunus c. 'Thundercloud' Flowering Plum	4 feet	20 feet	Moderate	Medium	Most Soils	Pink to White	D	Dark purple-coppery leaves, aphids
+Prunus c. 'Krauter Vesuvius' <i>Flowering Plum</i>	4 feet	20 feet	Moderate	Medium	Most Soils	Pink	D	Dark purple leaves, aphids, no fruit