

Recommended Trees

For Central Kansas



Tall Deciduous Trees (over 45')

American Elm -(use only Dutch elm disease tolerant varieties) ie. Jefferson, Princeton, New Harmony, Prairie Expedition,
American Sycamore -Platanus Occidentalis (adaptable, but more susceptible to foliar disease than London Planetree)
American Linden-Tilia Americana, *can't tolerate extended drought, but wonderful tree for pollinators
Baldcypress- Taxodium distichum (may suffer iron chlorosis in high pH soil, Frio River baldcypress CAN tolerate high soil pH)
Black Walnut- Juglans nigra-does produce nuts-shells/husks can stain concrete
Bur Oak -Quercus macrocarpa (one of the best trees for Kansas)
Caddo Sugar Maple-Acer saccharum 'Caddo', 'John Pair', 'Autumn Splendor', 'Flashfire', others...
Common Hackberry -Celtis occidentalis-a little more prone to decay with age or any wounding /storm damage, tough otherwise
English Oak-Quercus robur.
Ginkgo: 'Autumn Gold', 'Princeton Sentry' use MALE cultivars only
Honey locust -Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyline', 'Shademaster' and other thornless cultivars
Hybrid Elms- Patriot, Triumph, Greenstone, Accolade, New Horizon, others
Japanese Pagodatree- Sophora japonica
Japanese Zelkova -Zelkova serrata
Kentucky Coffeetree -Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso', others, look for male varieties that don't produce pods, great tree for KS
London Planetree (Platanus x acerifolia) Cultivars - 'Bloodgood' or 'Exclamation' have best disease resistance
Miyabe Maple -Acer miyabei
Northern Catalpa-Catalpa Speciosa
Norway Maple-Acer platanoides 'Emerald Queen', 'Superform'-tend to have surface roots, keep 5'-7' away from concrete & sidewalks
Oregon Trail Sugar Maple-native maple from Hiawatha KS
Shingle Oak -Quercus imbricaria
Shumard Oak-Quercus shumardii
Texas Red Oak-Quercus texana, red fall color

Medium Deciduous Trees (30 to 45')

Amur Maackia-Maackia amurensis, tough, summer flowers
Chinkapin Oak -Quercus muehlenbergii
Columnar oaks: 'Crimson Spire', 'Columnar English Oak', others
Goldenrain Tree -Koelreuteria paniculata, summer flowers
Hardy Rubber Tree-Eucommia ulmoides
Hedge maple-Acer campestre, tolerant of tough conditions
Lacebark Elm -Ulmus parvifolia (some can get larger than 45') Also **Frontier Elm** -Ulmus frontier, some red fall color
Little Leaf Linden-Tilia Cordata 'Greenspire', a nice landscape tree, good for pollinators, needs some moisture during drought periods
Osage Orange-Maclura pomifera, use thornless & fruitless varieties such as 'Whiteshield', "Wichita", a tree with very few problems in KS
Shantung Maple -Acer truncatum, also Norwegian/Pacific Sunset
White Mulberry -fruitless Morus alba
Silver Linden-Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling' symmetrical, a little more drought tolerant than other lindens,
Western Soapberry -Sapindus drummondii-fruit can be messy, tough tree, best not to plant near sidewalks or driveways to avoid mess

Small Deciduous Trees (under 30')

Amur Maple -Acer ginnala-may get iron chlorosis in high pH soil
Chinese Fringe Tree-Chionanthus spp
Eastern Redbud -Cercis sp. (15-25 year lifespan)
Flowering Crabapple -Malus, various cultivars, do research and choose varieties with disease resistance
Japanese Tree Lilac- Syringa reticulata
Japanese Zelkova- 'City sprite', 'Wireless' (look for small varieties)
Smoketree-Cotinus spp. Also **American smoketree** which has good fall color
Seven Son Flower -Heptacodium miconioides -a large shrub that can be trained as a small tree, late summer flowers
Tatarian Maple-Acer tataricum, is adaptable to most KS soils

Evergreen Trees

Juniper -Juniperus spp. (many cultivars in different sizes and shapes available--look for Juniperus virginiana, Juniperus chinensis, communis, horizontalis, and others. **Avoid** Juniperus 'scopulorum' varieties-these varieties tend to have more canker diseases and issues in our area
Eastern Red Cedar (native juniper) is recommended for windbreaks
Pines (use sparingly due to pine wilt and diseases) Pinyon, Ponderosa, Limber, Lacebark, Southwestern White, Bosnian, others....
Oriental Arborvitae-the best tried and true arborvitae in KS,