

# 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-canker diseases can attack stressed trees  
**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  
**Trident Maple**-Acer buergerianum -  
**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,