

FLOWERING TREES

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***Aesculus x carnea 'Briotii'* – Briotii Horsechestnut**

Height: 30'-40' **Width:** 15' **Growth Rate:** Slow-Moderate **Flower:** Pink-Red
Shape: Rounded pyramidal **Foliage Color:** Dark Green **Fall Color:** None to speak of usually

A great choice for hot, dry areas or for a street tree. The large foliage provides dense shade, and the pinkish-red spikes of flowers in spring are really eye-catching.

***Albizia julibrissin* – Silk Tree or Mimosa**

Height: 20'-35' **Width:** 20'-35'+ **Growth Rate:** Moderate-fast **Flower:** Pink
Shape: Umbrella Shaped **Foliage Color:** Dark Green **Fall Color:** Yellowish

A beautiful and tropical-looking tree with an umbrella-shaped crown. The feathery foliage provides dappled shade, and the fluffy pink flowers in late summer are highly unusual. Tends to branch low or be multi-stemmed, and may be subject to breakage after a number of years. Despite this, the tree is very resilient and will usually recover from damage.

***Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'* (p.p. #5717)- Autumn Brilliance Apple Serviceberry**

Height: 20'-25' **Width:** 15' **Growth Rate:** Moderate **Flower:** White
Shape: Upright, moderately spreading **Fruit:** Purplish-black
Foliage Color: Medium Green **Fall Color:** Bright Red

For many people, this could be the perfect little tree. It grows moderately to only about 20'-25' tall, and it has small white flowers in spring, much like the flowers on a plum tree. These are followed by purplish-black fruit which is edible and even tasty, according to many who have tried them. The leaves have a very pleasant green color during the main season, and then turn *bright* red in fall. They are fairly disease resistant compared to most other flowering trees, and ask for relatively little compared to what they give.

***Cercis canadensis* – Eastern Redbud (Canadian Redbud)**

Height: 30' **Width:** 30' **Soil needs:** Well-drained **Fall color:** Yellow **Growth rate:** Slow
Shape: Rounded, low branching **Flower:** Bright electric purple in bud, opens to a rosy flower.

The Eastern Redbud is an Eastern U.S. native known for its exceptionally showy blooms in April and May. Actually, the showiest parts are the buds, which are a bright purple, and then open (barely) to a rose-purple flower. The small flowers are borne right on the main branches in clusters, making the tree appear to almost light up from a distance.

***Cercis canadensis 'Alba'* – White Eastern Redbud**

This tree is almost identical to the species, but the flowers are a pure white.

***Cercis canadensis 'Covey'* (PP #10328) – Lavender Twist Redbud**

A contorted, weeping form that will eventually form an umbrella-shaped crown. The mature height will vary depending on how it is trained, could be anywhere from 5'-20'. Flowers and leaves are similar to species.

***Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'* – Forest Pansy Redbud**

The Forest pansy Redbud is smaller than the species, about 25'x25', and has deep purple new growth fading to a purple-green. Needs part shade, but too much shade will affect the leaf color.

***Cercis canadensis 'Hearts of Gold'*(PP #17740) – Hearts of Gold Redbud**

A golden-foliaged variety that has reddish new growth and is a bit shrubbier than the species. It will eventually reach 15' tall and 18' wide, and is resistant to leaf burn.

***Cercis chinensis 'Avondale'* – Avondale Chinese Redbud**

Avondale is actually a compact variety of Chinese Redbud, growing to about 10'x10'. Avondale blooms extremely heavily, and its flowers are a bright purplish-pink. A great small tree.

***Clerodendrum trichotomum* – Harlequin Glorybower**

Height: 10'-15' (20') **Width:** 10'-20' **Shape:** Shrubby, usually low-branching vase
Growth Rate: Fast **Fall color:** yellowish **Flower:** Fragrant white with magenta calyx

The infamous "Peanut Butter" Tree that stops people in their tracks in fall. The large, deep green leaves smell like peanut butter, but that is just the sideshow. The real show starts in late summer when the white flowers with bright magenta calyxes emerge. A little bit later, while still flowering, the bright metallic blue berries start to form and light up the tree. A real fall charmer, but unfortunately subject to winter dieback in cold winters. This usually keeps the tree to a smaller size (10' or so), but it recovers quickly and may get larger in a protected area. Tends to sucker profusely, so be prepared for little trees showing up from time to time nearby.

***Crataegus laevigata* 'Crimson Cloud' – Crimson Cloud Hawthorn**

Height: 25' **Width:** 18' **Shape:** Oval, upright spreading
Growth Rate: Moderate **Fruit:** Bright Red **Flower:** Bright red with a white center

Crimson Cloud Hawthorn is a great newer hawthorn, valued for its showy red/white blooms, good growth habit, and disease resistance. Yes, it is one of the few hawthorns resistant to leaf spot! A good smaller street tree or lawn tree.

***Crataegus x lavallei* – Lavelle Hawthorn**

Height: 28' **Width:** 20' **Shape:** Irregular vase shape
Growth rate: moderate **Fruit:** Large orange **Flower:** Large white in clusters

The Lavelle Hawthorn has year round interest. It's smooth bark is interesting, its leaves are a nice glossy green turning bronze in fall, its flowers are large and white, and it has fruit that persists for quite awhile in the winter.

***Koelreuteria paniculata* – Goldenrain tree**

Height: 30' **Width:** 30' **Growth rate:** Moderate
Shape: Flat-topped, rounded, upright spreading **Bloom Time:** Mid-summer
Flower: Pyramidal clusters of yellow flowers

Big yellow flowers, mid-summer. That should be enough right there, as it is rare to find a tree with these qualities. It also makes an excellent street tree, favored by many local governments for its well-behaved demeanor, and toughness. Keep in mind, it is very susceptible to herbicide damage, so if you spray a lot of weed-killer or use a lot of pre-emergent, this may not be the tree for you.

***Laburnum x watereri* 'Vossii' (*L. alpinum x anagyroides*) – Voss Goldenchain Tree**

Height: 25' **Width:** 20' **Shape:** Upright, vase shape
Flower: Chains of golden yellow pea flowers. Spring. **GrowthRate:** Moderate

This is now the standard Goldenchain. The Common Goldenchain (*L. anagyroides*) was once used quite extensively, but has now been replaced by this hybrid. A classic tree for Japanese style gardens, this tree has been used for quite a long time, and is still a great tree for the landscape. Seed pods are poisonous, so watch out if you have children.

***Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Purple Robe' – Purple Robe Black Locust**

Height: 50' **Width:** 32' **Shape:** Broadly columnar, arching **Growth Rate:** Fast
Flower: Dark Purple, in clusters like a wisteria. **Fall color:** yellow

This is a good larger flowering tree. It's leaves are small, giving it a graceful appearance, and the clusters of purple flowers are spectacular. A very tough tree, it withstands heat and drought well. Makes a good shade tree or street tree.

***Stewartia pseudocamellia* - Japanese Stewartia**

Height: 20'-40' **Width:** 20'-40' **Flower:** 2"-3" white 5-petalled flower in July
Growth Rate: slow-moderate **Fall Color:** Orange-bronzy red **Shape:** Broadly columnar.

The Japanese Stewartia is another very underused tree. The growth habit is very graceful, it has good fall color, and the flowers in July are simply charming. Then, as the tree gets older, you'll notice the incredible bark, which in time, starts to flake off in plates (a "lightning-bolt" pattern), leaving patterns of gray, orange, and cinnamon brown. Water tolerant. A wonderful tree.

***Stewartia sinensis* – Chinese Stewartia**

Height: 15'-25' **Width:** 15'-25' **Shape:** Broad, conical **Flower:** 1 ½"-2" white, fragrant

Like the Japanese Stewartia, but its growth habit is broader. Its bark is not really peeling, but is actually extremely smooth, interesting in its own right. Can take moist conditions. Intriguing.

***Styrax japonicus* – Japanese Snowbell**

Height: 30' **Width:** 25' **Shape:** Graceful, rounded **Growth Rate:** Moderate
Flower: White, bell shaped. Late Spring, June or so. **Fall Color:** yellow

The Japanese Snowbell is a great small-medium flowering tree. It's leaves are small, and the growth habit is generally airy, giving it a graceful appearance. The small white bell-shaped flowers appear in late spring all along the lengths of the branches. One of its main attractions is its lack of any major problems. For those of you who have problems growing Dogwoods or other trees, this is your tree!

***Styrax japonicus* 'Emerald Pagoda' – Emerald Pagoda Japanese Snowbell**

A newer variety, 'Emerald pagoda' has a more upright, tight growth pattern, larger, glossier leaves. An awesome plant.

***Styrax japonicus* 'Pink Chimes' – Pink Chimes Japanese Snowbell**

Like the species, but light pink flowers.