

Flowering Trees

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Red Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i> 'Fort McNair'	Fort McNair Red Horsechestnut	es'ku-lus kar'ne-a	30-40' x 25-30'	Slow	Pyramidal when young, dense rounded when mature	Bright showy coral pink flowers in spring. Yellow fall color.	Specimen, shade tree.
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	Autumn Brilliance Apple Serviceberry	am-e-lang'ke-er ar-bo're-a	15-25' high & wide	Medium, 9-10' in 5-8 yrs.	Multi-stemmed large shrub or small tree with a rounded crown of many small branches. Beautiful winter form.	Pink buds, white flowers, edible red fruits, clean summer foliage, attractive light gray bark. Brilliant red fall color.	Good in a naturalistic planting, blends well on edges of woodlands, near ponds and stream banks; blends into shrub borders, especially with evergreen background.
	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry	am-e-lang'ke-er kan-a-den' sis	6-20' high		Upright, suckering, tightly multi-stemmed shrub, distinctly different in habit from <i>A. arborea</i> and <i>A. laevis</i>	White flowers borne in erect, compact, 2-3" long racemes in late March about one week after <i>A. arborea</i> . Fall color often yellow and gold.	
	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry	am-e-land'ke'er le'vis	15-25'(40')		Shrub with erect stems, spreading by suckers from the base.	Similar to <i>A. arborea</i> but unfolding leaves are bronzy in color and not pubescent. Fruits are black and sweet. Good for wildlife. Leaves are a distinct bronze-purple and flowers are on nodding, fleecy 4" long panicles. Orange-red to brick red fall color.	
	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	Apple Serviceberry	am-e-land'ke'er gran-di-flo'ra	20-25' high x 15-20' wide		(Hybrid between <i>A. arborea</i> x <i>A. laevis</i>)	Young leaves are purplish and pubescent. Flowers are larger, on longer, slender racemes, tinged pink in bud.	

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Katsuratree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsuratree	ser-si-di-fil'um ja-pon'i-kum	40-60' x 20-30'	Medium to fast, 14' in 5-7 yrs., 40' in 20 yrs.	Pyramidal in youth, full and dense, even as a young tree, variable at maturity.	Attractive overall. New leaves emerge reddish purple and gradually change to bluish green. Soft apricot-orange fall color. Leaf shaped like a redbud. Fall leaves give off a delightful spicy cinnamon/brown sugar odor.	Residential properties, parks, golf courses, commercial areas.
		Weeping Katsuratree		15-25'	Fast, 18' x 30' in 19 yrs.	A mound of gracefully weeping branches.	Looks like blue-green water cascading over rocks.	Specimen
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	ser'sis kan-a-den'sis	20-30- x 15-25'	Medium to fast, 7-10' in 5-6 yrs.	Usually a small tree with the trunk divided close to the ground forming a spreading, flat-topped to rounded crown.	Reddish-purple flowers open in March-April, effective for 2-3 wks. Flowers at a young age. Yellow fall color.	Effective as a single specimen, in groupings, in the shrub border, especially nice in woodland and naturalized type situations.
		Alba					White flowers	
		Covey		5' x 5-10'	Medium	Weeping	Reddish-purple bud opens to rosy pink-purple flowers in March & April.	Specimen, accent near walkways, decks, patios, rock gardens.
		Forest Pansy		20-25' x 15-20'	Medium to fast, 7-10' in 5-6 yrs.	Usually a small tree with the trunk divided close to the ground forming a spreading, flat-topped to rounded crown.	Foliage emerges a shimmering red-purple and changes to a more subdued color as the season progresses. Flowers are more rose-purple than the species and open a little later. Yellow fall color.	Effective as a single specimen, in groupings, in the shrub border, especially nice in woodland and naturalized type situations.
	Texas White	25' H&W	Snow white flowers open in March-April, effective for 2-3 wks. Flowers at a young age.					
	<i>Cercis chinensis</i>	Chinese Redbud	ser'sis chi-nen'sis	Less than 10' high		Small, erect, multi-stemmed shrub.	Flowers are rosy purple, about same time (slightly ahead) of <i>C. canadensis</i> .	
Avondale Chinese Redbud		10-20' x 8-10'		5 1/2' after 8 yrs.	Slow to medium. More tree-like than species	Deep rose purple flowers. Quantity of flower buds set each year is greater than species.		
<i>Cercis reniformis</i>	Oklahoma Redbud		20-25' X 15-20'	Moderate TO FAST	Rounded or vase-shaped.	New soft pink foliage matures to rich green. Small fragrant, deep wine red blooms. Yellow fall color.		

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Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	Chinese Fringetree	ki-o-nan'thus re-tu'sus	25-35' H&W	Slow to medium	Upright spreading, rounded	Snow white, lightly fragrant flowers, late April-early May on female plants, dark blue drupes ripening in Sept.-Oct. Flowers, fruits and foliage are highly ornamental. Handsome gray-brown bark.	Specimen, groups, back of shrub borders or as small street tree.
	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree	ki-o-nan'thus ver-jin'i-kus	8-15' x 6-10'	Slow, 4-6"/yr.	Large shrub or small tree with a spreading, rather open habit, often wider than high.	White, slightly fragrant flowers, males more effective than females, in early to mid May. Dark blue, bloomy drupe on female plants, effective in August-Sept.	Beautiful specimen shrub, excellent in groups, borders, near large buildings. Focal point, specimen. Great woodland or understory naturalizing plant.
Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	American Yellowwood	kla-dras'tis ken-tuk'e-a	30-50' x 40-55'	Medium, 9-12' over 8-10 yr. period	Low branching with broad rounded crown	Fragrant white flowers in pendulous racemes in May to early June. Bright green summer foliage. Soft yellow fall color.	Good shade tree for smaller properties. Specimen, groupings.
Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	kor'nus flor'i-da	Variable, 20'+ high	slow at first, gradually becoming medium	Shrub (seldom) or small, low-branched tree with horizontally spreading lines, layered effect, usually with a flat-topped crown and often wider than high at maturity.	White flowers in early to mid-April. Glossy red fruit ripening in Sept-Oct. Reddish purple fall color. Good winter habit. Four-season character.	Specimen, near a patio, corners of houses and larger buildings, parks, groupings, especially effective against dark evergreen or dark building material backgrounds to accent flowers and winter habit.
		Cherokee Chief Flowering Dogwood					Rich ruby-red flowers and reddish new growth.	
		Cherokee Princess Flowering Dogwood		White with large bracts to 5" across, early-flowering, heavy-flowering every year.				
		Cloud 9 Flowering Dogwood		Variable, 20'+ high		Spreading	Snowy white overlapping bracts, profusely flowering when young	One of most cold-hardy.

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Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	var. rubra	kor'nus flor'i-da	Variable, 20'+ high	slow at first, gradually becoming medium		Pink to pinkish red flowers, variable.	Not as cold-hardy as white flowered types.
	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood	kor'nus koo'sa	15-25' H&W	slow	Vase-shaped when young, rounded and stratified branching with age.	Creamy white bracts in mid-May, approx. 2-3 wks. After <i>Cornus florida</i> . Flowers are raised above foliage along the horizontal branches. Drupes resemble raspberries, late Aug-Oct; very effective. Reddish purple or scarlet in fall.	Handsome small specimen tree or shrub, excellent near large buildings or blank walls to break up harshness with horizontal structure.
		Milky Way Kousa Dogwood		20' high & wide		Broad, bushy form suitable for the small landscape.	More abundant flower and fruit production than the species.	Handsome small specimen tree or shrub, excellent near large buildings or blank walls to break up harshness with horizontal structure.
		Satomi Kousa Dogwood		12-15' high & wide		Horizontally branching	Rose-pink flowers, red new growth.	
	<i>Cornus x</i> 'Celestial' ('Rutdan')	Celestial Dogwood	kor'nus	17' x 14' @ 19 yrs.	slow	Vigorous and erect.	Expanding flowers are white with a tinge of green, becoming pure white.	Specimen, near a patio, corners of houses and larger buildings, parks, groupings, especially effective against dark evergreen or dark building material backgrounds to accent flowers and winter habit.
	<i>Cornus x</i> 'Constellation' ('Rutcan')	Constellation Dogwood		21' x 17' @ 19 yrs.		Erect and more vigorous than <i>C. kousa</i> . Plants branch low and are uniformly wide from base to top.	Flowers are spectacular even when viewed from a distance.	Shrub border, hedge, screen, foundation planting, around large buildings. Optimum effect achieved if the plant has a dark green or red background. Makes an excellent small tree.
	<i>Cornus x</i> 'Stellar Pink' ('Rutgan')	Stellar Pink Dogwood		20' x 19' @ 19 yrs.			Soft pink flowers	
	<i>Cornus mas</i>	Corneliancherry Dogwood	kor'nus mas	20-25' x 15-20'	Medium	Large multi-stemmed shrub or small tree of oval-rounded outline, usually branching to the ground; may remove the lower branches.	Yellow flowers borne in short stalked umbels before the leaves from the axils of the previous season's wood, effective for 3 wks.+	

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Hawthorne	<i>Crataegis phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn	kra-te'gus fe-no-pi'rum	20-30' H&W	Medium	Broadly oval to rounded, dense, thorny.	Foliage is reddish purple when unfolding gradually changing to lustrous dark green. Fall color varies from orange to scarlet through purplish. White flowers, not badly scented, early June, effective for 7-10 days. Bright, glossy red fruit coloring in Sept-Oct and persisting all winter.	Small ornamental tree, screen, near buildings, streets, borders, hedges, lawn areas, group plantings. Not for high-traffic areas due to the thorns. Use against an evergreen background.
	<i>Crataegis viridis</i>	Winter King Hawthorn	kra-te'gus vir'l'dis	20-25' x 20-30'	Medium	Upright, vase-shaped	White flowers in small clusters in spring, followed by red fruit. Fall foliage is yellow-orange to red, purple. Gray-green stems. Bark on older stems exfoliates exposing gray, green and orange-brown.	
Franklin Tree	<i>Franklinia alatamaha</i>	Franklin Tree	frank-lin'i-a a-la-ta-ma'ha	10-20'(30') X 6-15'	Medium	Upright, spreading branches, often bare on lower portion, giving an open, airy look, not unlike <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> .	Smooth gray, slightly fluted bark. White flowers with yellow centers, fragrant, in late July to August. Orange-red fall color.	Small specimen tree.
Silverbell Tree	<i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	Carolina Silverbell	ha-le'zhi-a te-trap'ter-a	30-40' x 20-30'	Medium, 9-12' over 6-8 yrs.	Low-branched tree with broad-rounded crown.	White, bell-shaped flowers borne on pendulous stalks in April to early May. Fruits effective in Sept. to fall.	Small native tree. Understory planting along stream banks, back of shrub border against evergreen background.
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Goldenrain Tree	kol-ro-te'ri-a pan-ik-u-la'ta	30-40' H&W	Medium to fast. 10-12' in 5-7 yrs.	Dense with regular rounded outline.	Showy yellow flowers in loose panicles in July followed by papery brown lantern-like capsules. Leaves purplish-red when unfolding, bright green in summer, yellow in fall.	One of the very few yellow-flowered trees. Small street tree for shading patio, specimen for limited space.

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Plums	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	Krater Vesuvius Cherry Plum	pru'nus ser-a-sif'er-a	30' x 20'	Medium to fast	More upright, oval-rounded than Thundercloud.	Light pink flowers before leaves. Dark purple foliage.	Specimen, accent, grouping, foundation planting, planters.
		Thundercloud Cherry Plum		15-25' H&W		In youth broad, base-shaped, maturing to symmetrical rounded dome.	Flowers open later than Krater Vesuvius. Single, pink flowers before leaves, fragrant. Foliage retains deep purple color throughout growing season.	
Pears	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Aristocrat Callery Pear	pi'rus kal-er-e-a'-na	35' x 16'	12' x 10' @ 6yrs.; 36' x 16' @ 15 yrs.	Pyramidal to broad-pyramidal, branches more horizontal and crotch angles wider than Bradford. Tends to maintain a central leader.	White cloud in full flower, very showy (malodorous). Blooms later than Bradford; still in bud when Bradford in full flower. Yellow to red fall color - not as good as Bradford.	Specimen, grouping, screening, containers.
		Bradford Callery Pear		30-40' H&W	Fast	Oval rounded.	Beautiful white flowers (malodorous) early to mid-March. Spectacular reddish purple or persimmon orange fall color.	
		Chanticleer (Cleveland Select) Callery Pear		30-40' x 15-18'	Fast	Upright-pyramidal, much narrower than Bradford	Heavy flowering, 1 wk+. later than Bradford. Good reddish purple fall color, though not as good as Bradford.	Good choice where lateral space to spread is limited. Hardens off earlier than Bradford - less susceptible to early freezes. Screening, lawn tree, container.
Jap. Pagodatree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	Japanese Pagodatree (Scholar-tree)	so-fo'ra ja-pon'i-ka	50-75' H&W	Medium to fast, 10-12' in 5-6 yrs.	Upright-spreading with a broadly rounded crown at maturity.	Casts relatively light shade. Flowers are creamy white, mildly fragrant, borne in 6-12" long and wide panicles, in July through mid-August.	Good tree for city conditions, lawns, poor soil areas, parks, golf courses. Dropping of petals and fruits could be considered messy. Rated among the highest for pollution and urban tolerances.

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Jap. Stewartia	<i>Stewartia pseudocamelia</i>	Japanese Stewartia	stu-ar'ti-a so-do-ka-mel'i-a	20-40' high	Slow	Small to medium-sized, pyramidal-oval tree.	2-2.5" diameter, broadly cup-shaped, white flowers with white filaments and orange anthers occur in July. Outstanding bark develops a sinuous, muscled character with exfoliating bark fragments. Yellow, red to dark reddish purple fall color.	Specimen, in shrub borders, edges of woodlands. Some shade is necessary.
Jap. Snowbell	<i>Styrax japonicus</i>	Japanese Snowbell	sti'raks ja-pon'i-kus	20-30' x 15-20'	Slow to medium, 9-10' in 7-10 yrs.	Small, low-branched tree, develops rounded to broad-rounded crown and distinct horizontal appearance.	White, yellow-stamened, slightly fragrant, bell-shaped flowers borne on 1-1 1/2" long pendulous stalk, May-June. Yellowish or reddish fall color	Excellent near a patio, in the lawn, or in the shrub border. Can be planted on hillsides or slopes where the flowers are seen by passersby.