

25 featured trees

Botanical name	common name	dec/ evg	sm to med	narrow	large	very large	very low H2O	low H2O	mod H2O	high H2O	comments
<i>Acer truncatum</i>	Chinese maple	dec	x						xxx		Grows 2 to 3 feet a year, spreading habit. Tolerant of sun. Nice fall color. Good substitute for Japanese maple.
<i>Arbutus x 'Marina'</i>	Marina arbutus	evg	x					xx			Very popular large evg with glossy leaves, beautiful mahogany trunk. Grows 2 to 3 feet a year. Flowers nearly year-around, attractive to hummingbirds. Decorative fruit, but not much litter.
<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'</i>	Blue Atlas cedar	evg		x			x				Dramatic upright grower with blue-green needles. Very tolerant of drought. Can get sapsucker damage.
<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Deodar cedar	evg				x	x				Huge tree. Grows 3 to 4 feet a year with classic Christmas tree shape. Lower branches spread considerably. Very drought tolerant.
<i>Celtis australis</i>	European hackberry	dec			x			xx			Grows moderately fast, first upright and then spreading. Very tough tree, no root issues, interesting bark. May reseed
<i>Cercis canadensis var. texensis 'Oklahoma'</i>	Oklahoma redbud	dec	x					xx			Very popular tree with shiny leaves, beautiful magenta spring flowers. Needs careful training when young. Good drought tolerance but also okay with garden watering. Common host for redhumped caterpillar.
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert willow	dec	x				x				Increasingly popular tree native to the southwestern US. Grows 3 to 4 feet a year, upright and then oval crown. Showy flowers all summer attract hummingbirds. There are pink, burgundy, white, and bicolor varieties. Needs careful training for branch structure.
<i>Cotinus coggygria purpurea/Royal Purple</i>	Smoke tree	dec	x					xx			Shrubby, grows big enough to train up as a small tree. Burgundy leaves. Fluffy seed structures are attractive (that's the 'smoke').
<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'</i>	Autumn Gold ginkgo	dec			x			xx			The most widely planted male cultivar of Ginkgo, selected for spreading growth habit. Grows 18 inches a year, eventually very large. Best with summer irrigation. Disease and pest free. Monitor rigorously for root suckers as they may be female and fruit after many years. Great golden fall color. Other varieties include Saratoga, Fairmount, and Princeton Sentry.

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Hesperocyparis (Cupressus) arizonica 'Blue Ice'	Blue Ice Arizona cypress	evg	x				x				Grows 2 to 3 feet a year, classic pyramidal growth habit. Vivid blue-green needles. Very tough, drought tolerant.
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	evg	x				x				Shrubby. Can get to 12' or more. Davis Gold has golden berries; looks great planted with the red-berried form.
Laurus nobilis	Grecian laurel	evg	x	x				xx			The bay leaf used in cooking. Grows 2 o 3 feet a year, very upright columnar habit. Dioecious tree grown from seed, so half are male and half female. Female trees do set berries and the tree can reseed. Eventually get quite large. Easily pruned for size and shape.
Laurus x 'Saratoga'	Saratoga laurel	evg	x					xx			Interesting hybrid of two species of Laurus. Grows 2 to 3 feet a year, somewhat spreading/round growth habit. Pungent foliage. Male cultivar, no fruit or reseeding. Easily pruned for size and shape.
Olea europaea	Olive	evg	x				x				Shrubby, often trained up as a tree. Grows 2 to 3 feet a year with equal spread to height. Varieties differ in ultimate size. Exceptionally tolerant of heat and drought. Fruit litter is a major nuisance. "Fruitless" types often produce small crops. Many people are allergic to the pollen. Some minor pest problems (borers, scale) that are manageable.
Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey'	Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey'	dec			x			xx			Male cultivar of Chinese pistache that has consistent bright red fall color. Grows 2 to 3 feet a year, equal spread to height. No fruit or reseeding. Pistache is one of our most common trees, arguably overplanted.
Podocarpus henkelii	yellowwood	evg	x	x				xx			More cold hardy than P. gracilior. Shade tolerant. Upright growth. Very drought tolerant once established.
Prunus x blireiana	flowering plum	dec	x						xxx		The best flowering plum for most uses. Reliably fruitless. Grows about 3 feet a year to 15 to 20 feet. Generally taller than broad, but can be pruned or shaped. Soft pink flowers very early, bloom here with the almonds. Foliage is burgundy red in spring, aging to dark green. Can get aphids in spring, lecanium scale.
Quercus canbyi	Canby's Oak	dec				x		xx			Uncommon. Tree Davis is planting these. Looks very promising for this area.

