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Shade Trees

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| Cypress, Bald <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | 60'-100' | 35'-50' | Sun/Part Sun | D | Large pyramidal tree that requires deep, moist soil. It is a riparian species that grows near water. Tolerates poor drainage and seasonal wetness. Will do well in heavily irrigated locations. Tends to form "knees" which may interfere with mowing. |
| Elm, Cedar <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> | 50'-75' | 25'-35' | Sun/Part Sun | D | Upright, vase-shaped, fast growing tree. Adapted to rocky soils and seasonal wetness. Drought-tolerant once established. |
| Elm, Lacebark <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> | 60' | 40' | Sun | D | Named for distinctive grey bark with orange flakes, this fast-growing tree is native to China. Requires irrigation. |
| Magnolia 'DD Blanchard' <i>M. grandiflora</i> 'DD Blanchard' | 50' | 25'-35' | Sun | E | Large glossy leaves with rusty-brown undersides make this large Magnolia a stand-out in the landscape. Huge white flowers appear in the spring. Does best with consistent irrigation. |
| Shantung Maple <i>Acer truncatum</i> | 25' | 20' | Sun/Part Shade | D | This long-lived hardwood Maple has yellow to red fall color and is fairly drought tolerant once established. |
| Maple, Summer Red <i>Acer rubrum</i> 'HOSR' | 35'-40' | 20'-25' | Sun | D | This fast-growing cultivar of the red maple does best with regular watering. Fall color is red to orange. |
| Maple, Bigtooth <i>Acer grandidentatum</i> | 20'-60' | 20'-30' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Native to the sheltered canyons of the Edwards Plateau, this tree grows in limestone soils as well as in deeper soils in river canyons. Fall color is usually red-yellow-orange. Drought-resistant once established. |
| Oak, Bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> | 50'-70' | 30'-50' | Sun | D | Will tolerate "seasonal wetness" and rocky soils. Fast-growing once established. Large tree with coarse branching structure. Has LARGE acorns. Resistant to Oak wilt. |
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| Oak, Canby <i>Quercus canbyii</i> | 40'-50' | 40'-50' | Sun | SE | Semi-evergreen oak with a pyramidal form when young and an open irregular shape when grown. Leaves turn red in winter. |
| Oak, Chinquapin <i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i> | 50'-70' | 30'-40' | Sun | D | This oak grows in a wide range of soils. Forms a stately tree with branches suitable for climbing! Fall color ranges from yellow to purple to brown. Resistant to Oak Wilt. |
| Oak, Lacey <i>Quercus laceyi</i> | 30' | 25' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Small tree ideal for smaller yards. Adaptable to shallow limestone soils. Blue-green leaves give contrast in the landscape. Resistant to Oak Wilt. Drought-resistant once established. |
| Oak, Live <i>Quercus virginiana</i> | 40'-60' | 30'-40' | Sun | E | Sheds leaves in spring when new leaves emerge. Suseptible to Oak Wilt. Remember, "February thru June do not prune" to avoid spread of Oak Wilt fungus. |
| Oak, Mexican White/Monterrey <i>Q. polymorpha</i> | 45'-60' | 30'-40' | Sun | SE | Holds leaves most winters, then sheds in spring before new leaves emerge. New leaves are peach color. Adaptable to wide range of well-drained soils. Resistant to Oak Wilt. |
| Oak, Shumard <i>Q. shumardii</i> | 120' | 50'-60' | Sun | D | Fast growing tree with rich green leaves and scarlet fall color. Plant in rich, well-drained soil. Suseptible to Oak wilt. "February thru June, do not prune" to avoid spread of Oak wilt Fungus. |
| Oak, Texas Red/Spanish Oak <i>Quercus buckleyi</i> | 60'-75' | 15'-30' | Sun | D | Adapts to rocky soils. Can have brilliant red fall color. Suseptible to Oak Wilt. "February thru June, do not prune" to avoid spread of Oak Wilt Fungus. |
| Pistache, Chinese <i>Pistachia chinensis</i> | 40' | 30' | Sun | D | A shorter growing shade tree for small landscapes. Adapts well to poor soils with good drainage. Fast-growing with red-orange-yellow fall color. Female trees have red berries. |
| Pear, Bradford <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Bradford' | 30'-50' | 20'-30' | Sun | D | Fast-growing tree with white flowers in spring and brilliant red fall color. |
| Sycamore, Mexican <i>Platanus mexicana</i> | 60' | 40' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Requires moist, deep soil conditions. Very fast growing. Large leaves. Does best with regular irrigation. |

Small Ornamental Trees

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| Redbud, Forest Pansy <i>Cercis canadensis</i> | 20' | 25' | Sun | D | New growth is brilliant scarlet-purple, maturing to maroon. Rosy pink flowers appear before leaves in the spring. |
| Redbud, Merlot <i>Cercis canadensis</i> 'Merlot' | 12'-15' | 12'-15' | Sun | D | Excellent for smaller landscapes, the maroon leaves hold color into the summer. Lavender-pink flowers appear before the leaves in spring. |
| Redbud, Mexican <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. 'mexicana' | 10'-15' | 10'-15' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Smaller leaves than Texas Redbud. Leaves are glossy and wavy on margins. Smaller grower than Texas Redbud, and often multi-trunk. |
| Redbud, Oklahoma <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i> 'Oklahoma" | 15'-20' | 15'-20' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Selected for its profusion of purple-red flowers in spring, this grafted tree has a rounded vase-shaped habit. Leaves are dark green and shiny. |
| Ruby Falls Weeping Redbud <i>C. can.</i> 'Ruby Falls' | 6'-8' | 5'-6' | Sun/Part Shade | D | A compact weeping redbud with burgundy foliage that is perfect for a small landscape. Lavender-red flowers appear before the leaves in early spring. |
| Redbud, Texas <i>C. canadensis</i> var. 'texensis' | 15'-20' | 10'-15' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Large glossy leaves with a slight wavy margin. Pinkish-purple blooms before leaves appear in spring. |
| Traveller Weeping Redbud <i>C.</i> <i>canadensis</i> 'Traveller' | 6' | 6' | Sun/Part Sun | D | A weeping form of the Texas Redbud with glossy heart-shaped leaves that emerge reddish when they appear in spring. Rose-pink flowers appear in the spring before leaves emerge. |
| Anacacho Orchid <i>Bauhinia lunarioides</i> | 12' | 12' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Excellent understory tree or small specimen. White blooms in April to May attract butterflies and bees. Requires well-drained soil. Unique leaf shape resemble "cloven hooves". |
| Willow, Desert <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> | 15'-20' | 15'-20' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Excellent small ornamental tree that creates light shade for plantings underneath. Blooms throughout the summer. Requires well-drained soils. |

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| Texas Mountain Laurel <i>Dermatophyllum secundiflorum</i> | 12'-20' | 8'-12' | Sun/Part Shade | E | Lovely evergreen native with showy purple flowers in March. Grape bubble gum fragrance. Native to rocky, limestone cliffs. Requires excellent drainage and is quite drought tolerant once established. |
| Sumac, Evergreen <i>Rhus virens</i> | 8'-10' | 8'-10' | Sun/Part Shade | E | Glossy leaves turn red-burgundy in cold weather. White blooms late summer produce fuzzy red berries for wildlife. Requires good drainage and is drought tolerant once established. |
| Sumac, Flameleaf <i>Rhus lanceolata</i> | 12'-15' | 10'-20' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Thicket-forming sumac with orange-red fall color. Native to limestone soils. Red berries provide food for wildlife. |
| Viburnum, Rusty Blackhaw <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> | 15'-20' | 10'-15' | Sun/Part Shade | D | Good understory tree or small specimen tree. Prefers deep, well-drained soils. Yellow, orange and red fall color. White flowers in spring followed by blue-black berries favored by birds. |
| Palo Verde, Desert Museum <i>Parkinsonia x 'Desert Museum'</i> | 25' | 25' | Sun | D | A thornless Palo Verde hybrid with lime-green bark and bright yellow blooms in March thru May, and sporadic blooms through the summer. Adapted to a wide range of well-drained soils. |
| Plum, Mexican <i>Prunus mexicana</i> | 15'-20' | 15'-20' | Sun/Part Shade | D | White flowers in spring followed by small red fruit July-Sept. |
| Senna, Common Tree <i>Senna corymbosa</i> | 8' | 8' | Sun | E | Yellow summer blooms on this large evergreen large attract bees and butterflies. Requires full sun and good drainage. Somewhat deer resistant. |
| Holly, Possum Haw <i>Ilex decidua</i> | 10'-15' | 5'-10' | Sun/Part Sun | D | 'Warren's Red' is a female variety with heavy production of red berries. Winter appearance of bright red berries against silver bark is striking. Will tolerate wet soils. |
| Holly, Yaupon <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> | 20' | 12' | Sun/Part Sun | E | 'Pride of Houston' is a female variety selected for heavy berry production. Birds are attracted to the berries in the winter. Grown as a multi-trunk tree. |

Large Evergreen Shrubs and Trees

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| Photinia, Red Tip <i>Photinia fraseri</i> | 20' | 8' | Sun | E | Fast-growing tree used for screening. May be pruned as a hedge. |
| Cherry Laurel "Everbrite' <i>Prunus caroliniana</i> 'Greevbrite' | 8'-10' | 6'-8' | Sun | E | Exceptionally tight growth on this Cherry Laurel makes for a great accent or screen. Leaves are shiny and dark green. Tolerates pruning. |
| Cherry Laurel 'Centre Court' <i>Prunus caroliniana</i> 'GRECCT' | 30' | 15' | Sun | E | A large growing Cherry Laurel with a pyramidal form. May be pruned as a tall hedge or allowed to grow to a natural form for additional screening. |
| Cherry Laurel, Compact <i>Prunus caroliniana</i> 'Compacta' | 8'-10' | 6'-8' | Sun | E | This Cherry Laurel only grows to half the height of the standard Cherry Laurel. May be kept pruned as a hedge or allowed to grow to a natural form for screening. |
| Cypress, Arizona <i>Cupressus arizonica</i> | 30' | 20' | Sun | E | Most varieties have striking blue foliage and rapid growth rate. Drought resistant once established. Deer usually leave them alone, but may browse on occasion. |
| Cypress, Leyland <i>Cupressus leylandi</i> | 30'40' | 25' | Sun | E | Graceful, open form on this fast-growing evergreen makes it useful as screening. Best used in combination with other plants. Must have excellent drainage. |
| Guava, Pineapple <i>Acca sellowiana</i> | 10'-15' | 10'-15' | Sun | E | Grown as a hedge or small specimen tree. The white and red flowers produce an edible fruit. Does best with good soil and regular irrigation. Deer resistant. |
| Holly, Nellie Stevens <i>Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'</i> | 15'-25' | 10'-15' | Sun/Part Sun | E | Vigorous grower with a broad pyramidal habit. Red berries in winter contrast with dark green leaves. |
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| Holly, Dwarf Burford <i>I. cornuta</i> 'Dwarf Burford' | 8'-10' | 6'-8' | Sun/Part Sun | E | This shrub may be pruned regularly to keep as a hedge or allowed to grow taller as a small screen. Red berries contrast with shiny foliage in the winter. |
| Juniper, Blue Point <i>J. chinensis</i> 'Blue Point' | 12' | 8' | Sun | E | Blue-green foliage on this teardrop-shaped Juniper is useful as a focal point in a small landscape. Maintains its form with little pruning. |
| Juniper, Hollywood <i>Juniperus torulosa</i> | 15' | 10' | Sun | E | Interesting twisted form, useful as specimen or screening. Give room to grow! |
| Juniper, Spartan <i>J. chinensis</i> 'Spartan' | 15' | 4'-5' | Sun | E | Symmetrical pyramidal form seldom needs pruning. Excellent accent or screen. |
| Loquat, Japanese <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> | 20' | 15'-20' | Sun/Part Sun | E | Large-leafed evergreen with fragrant blooms in late Fall to Winter. Edible fruit will form if temperatures do not go below 27°F. Adapts to most well-drained soils. Water regularly. |
| Magnolia 'DD Blanchard' <i>M. grandiflora</i> 'DD Blanchard' | 50' | 25'-35' | Sun | E | Large glossy leaves with rusty-brown undersides make this large Magnolia stand out in the landscape. Huge white flowers appear in the spring. Requires regular irrigation. Creates heavy shade. |
| Magnolia 'Little Gem' <i>M. grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem' | 20'-25' | 10'-15' | Sun | E | A dwarf Magnolia with smaller foliage and large white blooms that begin in late spring and repeat through summer and fall. |
| Magnolia, Teddy Bear <i>M. grandiflora</i> 'Southern Charm' | 16'-20' | 10'-12' | Sun | E | Slow growing compact upright grower. Dark green leaves with reddish brown undersides. White fragrant flowers in the summer months. |
| Magnolia, Alta <i>M. grandiflora</i> 'TMGH' | 20'-50' | 9'-10' | Sun | E | Very slow growing pyramidal form, it remains tight and upright without pruning. Great for smaller spaces. White summer blooms. |

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| Viburnum, Sandankwa <i>Viburnum suspensum</i> | 6'-12' | 6'-8' | Sun to Shade | E | Grown as a hedge or small specimen, its dark green leaves make a nice backdrop for variegated foliage. Plant in well-drained fertile soil. Requires regular watering. Somewhat deer resistant. |
| Wax Myrtle, Southern <i>Myrica cerifera</i> | 12'-15' | 8'-10' | Sun/Part Sun | E | Fast growing and easily pruned as hedge or simply shaped to keep full. It is deer resistant but not drought resistant. Requires soil and regular watering. |
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