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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.
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.

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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.