

Best of the Zoo

Small Trees

Top Picks

Small trees are trees that stay under 25 feet in height. They are used for small spaces and places where flowering or leaf color and texture are needed. Small trees help define space, draw attention to an area, or provide a focal point in the landscape. There are many varieties to choose from to fill the many different spaces in your landscape. When selecting a small ornamental tree ask yourself these questions: Is the location full sun or in the shade? Does the soil stay wet for long periods of time or is the soil dry? Do you have good soil to plant into or are you planting into subsoil that is hard and compacted? What size of tree will fit best in the space that you have? What texture or color of foliage do you want? Which trees will attract wildlife into your garden? The trees on the list will all provide beauty to your landscape. It is a matter of finding the ones you like best. Buy a good quality tree from your local garden center and be sure to pay attention to the soil you put it in. Plant trees to provide color all throughout the seasons. No one tree can do it all so plant many different trees throughout your landscape to get spring bloom, summer berries, fall color and winter interest! For more photos and information on trees, go to www.plantplaces.com.

*All trees on this Top Picks list have a Sustainability Rating of 3 or higher (out of 5).



Sweetbay Magnolia



Spring Grove Dogwood



Appalachian Red Redbud



Cherokee Chief Flowering Dogwood



Okame Cherry



Alleghany Serviceberry



Girard's Hybrid Maple



Spring Grove Dogwood



Jane Magnolia

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25' and smaller

Plant Name	Flower Color	Fall Color
*Acer palmatum - Japanese Maple	Yellow	Yellow, Orange, Red
*Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood' - Bloodgood Japanese Maple	Red	Red
*Acer palmatum 'Emperor 1' - Emperor 1 Japanese Maple	Bright Red	Bright Red
*Acer palmatum 'Burgundy Lace' - Burgundy Lace Japanese Maple	Red	Red
*Acer palmatum 'Oshio Beni' - Oshio Beni Japanese Maple	Scarlet	Scarlet
Acer palmatum var. dissectum 'Crimson Queen' - Crimson Queen Japanese Maple	Red	Red
Acer palmatum var. dissectum 'Viridis' - Viridis Green Cutleaf Japanese Maple	Gold-Orange	Gold-Orange
*Acer ginnala 'Flame' - Flame Amur Maple	Red	Red
Acer griseum - Paperbark Maple	Red or Green w/ Red Overtones	Red or Green w/ Red Overtones
*Acer x 'Girard's Hybrid' - Girard's Hybrid Maple	Yellow, Orange, Red	Yellow, Orange, Red
Acer x 'Gingerbread' - Gingerbread™ Maple	Yellow, Orange, Red	Yellow, Orange, Red
*Acer truncatum - Shantung Maple	Yellow, Orange	Yellow, Orange
Aesculus pavia - Red Buckeye	Red	N/A
*Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' - Apple Serviceberry	White	Yellow, Orange, Red
Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Princess Diana' - Apple Serviceberry	White	Yellow, Orange, Red
Amelanchier laevis - Alleghany Serviceberry	White	Yellow-Orange to Red
*Amelanchier 'Cumulus' - Cumulus Serviceberry	White	Yellow, Orange or Red
*Asimina triloba - Pawpaw	Purple	Yellow
Betula lenta - Sweet Birch	Golden Yellow	Golden Yellow
*Betula nigra 'Little King' - Little King River Birch	Yellow	Yellow
Betula nigra 'Summer Cascade' - Summer Cascade Weeping River Birch	Yellow	Yellow
Carpinus caroliniana - American Hornbeam	Yellow, Orange or Red	Yellow, Orange or Red
Carpinus betulus - European Hornbeam	Yellow to Yellow-Green	Yellow to Yellow-Green
Carpinus betulus 'Columnaris' - Columnar European Hornbeam	Green-Yellow	Green-Yellow
Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine' - Frans Fontaine Hornbeam	Green-Yellow	Green-Yellow
Carpinus betulus 'Pendula' - Weeping European Hornbeam	Green-Yellow	Green-Yellow
*Cercis canadensis - Redbud	Rose	Yellow
*Cercis canadensis 'Appalachian Red' - Appalachian Red Redbud	Pink	Red
*Cercis canadensis 'Hearts of Gold' - Hearts of Gold Redbud	Lavender	Yellow
Cercis Canadensis 'Lavender Twist' - Lavender Twist Redbud	Lavender	Yellow
*Cercis canadensis 'Royal White' - Royal White Redbud	White	Yellow
*Cercis canadensis 'Ruby Falls' - Ruby Falls Weeping Redbud	Lavender	Yellow
*Cercis canadensis var. alba - Whitebud	White	Yellow
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'Amazing Grace' - Amazing Grace Weeping Katsura	White	Yellow
Chionanthus virginicus - Fringetree	White	Yellow, Green & Brown
Chionanthus retusus (Northern Form) - Chinese Fringetree	White	Yellow to Brown
*Cornus florida 'Appalachian Spring' - Appalachian Spring Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
*Cornus florida 'Cherokee Chief' - Cherokee Chief Dogwood	Red	Red to Maroon
*Cornus florida 'Cherokee Princess' - Cherokee Princess Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
*Cornus florida 'Cloud Nine' - Cloud Nine Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
*Cornus florida var. rubra - Rubra Dogwood	Red	Red to Maroon
Cornus florida Spring Grove - Spring Grove* Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
Cornus x 'Aurora' - Aurora Dogwood	Creamy White	Red to Maroon
*Cornus x 'Celestial' - Celestial Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
Cornus x 'Stellar Pink' - Stellar Pink Dogwood	Pink	Red to Maroon
Cornus x 'Venus' - Venus Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
Cornus kousa var. chinensis - Chinese Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
*Cornus kousa 'Milky Way' - Milky Way Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
Cornus kousa Samaritan* - Samaritan* Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon

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Cornus kousa 'Wolf Eyes' - Wolf Eyes Dogwood	White	Red to Maroon
Cornus mas - Corneliancherry Dogwood	Yellow	Mix of Yellow & Green
Cornus mas 'Golden Glory' - Golden Glory Dogwood	Yellow	Red to Maroon
*Cornus officinalis - Japanese Cornel Dogwood	Yellow	Greenish-Yellow
Cornus officinalis 'Kintoki' - Kintoki Japanese Cornel Dogwood	Yellow	Greenish-Yellow
Crataegus phaenopyrum - Washington Hawthorn	White	Burgundy to Wine
Crataegus viridis 'Winterking' - Winterking Hawthorn	White	Yellow
Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis - Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	White	Multicolored array of Red
*Magnolia stellata - Star Magnolia	White	N/A
Magnolia stellata 'Royal Star' - Royal Star Magnolia	White	Mediocre Brownish-Yellow
Magnolia x soulangeana - Saucer Magnolia	Pink/Lavender	Yellow-Brown
*Magnolia x soulangeana 'Alexandrina' - Alexandrina Magnolia	Pink/Lavender	Yellow-Brown
Magnolia x 'Ann' - Ann Magnolia	Pink/Lavender	Yellow-Brown
Magnolia x 'Betty' - Betty Magnolia	Pink	Yellow-Brown
*Magnolia x 'Jane' - Jane Magnolia	Pink	Yellow-Brown
Magnolia x 'Susan' - Susan Magnolia	Pink	Yellow-Green
*Magnolia x leobneri 'Leonard Messel' - Leonard Messel Magnolia	Pink	N/A
*Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia	White	Mix of Yellow, Brown & Green
*Magnolia virginiana var. glauca - Glauca Sweetbay Magnolia	White	Mix of Yellow, Brown & Green
*Magnolia virginiana var. australis - Evergreen Sweetbay Magnolia	White	Evergreen
*Malus 'Donald Wyman' - Donald Wyman Crabapple	White	Amber-Yellow
*Malus 'Louisa' - Louisa Crabapple	Pink	Yellow-Br
*Malus 'Red Jade' - Red Jade Crabapple	White	Yellow
*Malus Sugar Tyme™ - Sugar Tyme™ Crabapple	White	Yellow
*Malus sargentii - Sargent Crabapple	White	Yellow
Ostrya virginiana - Hop-hornbeam	White	Yellow-Brown
*Parrotia persica - Persian Parrotia	White	Yellow, Orange & Red
*Prunus sargentii - Sargent Cherry	Pink	Yellow and Orange
*Prunus 'Okame' - Okame Cherry	Pink	Orange
*Prunus x yedoensis - Yoshino Cherry	Pink	Yellow to Orange
*Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan' - Kwanzan Japanese Flowering Cherry	Pink	Yellow to Orange
Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis' - Autumnalis Higan Cherry	Pink	Yellow to Orange
Prunus cerasifera 'Thundercloud' - Thundercloud Cherry Plum	Pink	Dark Purple to Red
Prunus cerasifera 'Newport' - Newport Cherry Plum	Pink	Dark Purple to Red
Rhus glabra - Smooth Sumac	Creamy White	Yellow, Red or Orange
Rhus glabra 'Laciniata' - Cutleaf Smooth Sumac	Creamy White	Red
Rhus typhina Tiger Eyes* - Tiger Eyes* Sumac	Creamy White	Red & Orange
Rhus typhina 'Laciniata' - Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac	Creamy White	Red & Orange
Sorbus alnifolia - Korean Mountain Ash	White	Yellow to Golden Brown
Syringa perkinensis China Snow* - China Snow* Pekin Lilac	Creamy White	N/A
Syringa reticulata - Japanese Tree Lilac	Creamy White	Yellow-Green
*Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk' - Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	Creamy White	N/A
*Taxodium distichum 'Cascade Falls' - Cascade Falls Baldcypress	White	Rusty-Brown
*Taxodium distichum 'Peve Minaret' - Peve Minaret Cascade Falls Baldcypress	White	Rusty-Brown

Key: Full Sun ☀️ Part Sun/Part Shade 🌤️ Full Shade 🌑 Wet Soil Tolerant 💧 Native 🌿 Highly Recommended *