Eden Prairie Recommended Tree Species



Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Soil Preference	Comments
Deciduous				
Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	Medium	Loamy rich moist soil, well drained	Native. Buckeye seeds should not be eaten. Part-shade.
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	Medium	Adaptable, well drained	Non-native. Large seed in prickly husk. Showy flowers. Full sun to part shade.
Canada Serviceberry	Amelanchier x grandiflora	Small	Moist, sandy, well drained.	Native, edible fruit, wildlife value. Full sun to part shade.
Alleghany Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	Small Ornamental	Moist, sandy, well drained.	Native, fruit is edible, wildlife value. Full sun to part shade.
River Birch	Betula nigra	Medium	Adaptable	Attractive bark, Birch borer and nectria resistant. Salt Tolerant
Blue beech, Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana	Medium	Medium texture. Well drained	Native, wildlife value. Shade tolerant.
Bitternut hickory, swamp hickory	Carya cordiformis	Med-Large	Medium texture. Well drained	Small nut. Native. Wildlife value. Shade tolerant.
Hardy Pecan	Carya illinoinensis	Large	Variable, Wet	Prefers wet areas. Slow growing. Shade tolerant. Native to the south. Wildlife value.
Shagbark hickory	Carya ovata	Large	Fine- Medium texture. Well drained	Native, edible nuts, salt intolerant. Partshade tolerant.
Black hickory	Carya texana	Large	Adaptable	Full-Part sun, native new to region.
Mockernut hickory	Carya tomentosa	Large	Medium texture, well drained	Full-Part sun, native new to region.
Northern catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	Medium	Adaptable	Easy to grow, large tropical-like leaves. Produce long seed pods. Short lifespan.
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	Large	Adaptable	Native. Full sun
Eastern redbud	Cercis canadensis	Small	Medium texture, well drained	Salt intolerant. Full-part sun

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Yellowwood	Cladrastis kentukea	Med	Moist, well-	Full sun to part shade.
			drained, medium	
			to coarse	
			texture.	
Pagoda dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	Small	Medium texture,	Native, part shade to full sun. Attractive
			well drained	branching form.
American hazelnut	Corylus americana	Small	Adaptable, well	Native, full sun to shade. Edible nut. Shrub
			drained	form.
Turkish hazelnut	Corylus colurna	Medium	Moist, well	Non-native. Edible nut, attracts wildlife.
			drained.	Dense foliage.
			Adaptable.	
Hawthorn	Crataegus spp.	Small	Adaptable, well	Native, full sun. Choose thornless variety.
			drained	Shrub form.
Common	Diospyros virginiana	Med	Medium to	Full sun. Native. Edible fruit.
persimmon	-		coarse texture.	
			Well drained	
American beech	Fagus grandifolia	Large	Coarse to	Full sun to part shade. Produces small
			medium, well	nuts, wildlife value.
			drained.	
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	Large	Adaptable	Non-native. Monotypic, ancient tree with
				unique leaves.
Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos	Med	Adaptable	Native, select thornless varieties.
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	Large	Adaptable	Native. Select males to avoid large seed
				pods. Tolerates some shade.
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	Large	Medium texture,	Native, full sun. Wildlife value. Large nuts.
			well drained	
Tamarack	Larix laricina	Large		Native, deciduous conifer.
Amur Maackia	Maackia amurensis	Med	Well drained	Non-native, avoid wet sites.
Cucumber Magnolia	Magnolia acuminata	Large	Loamy, rich, well	Avoid high wind. Part shade to full sun.
			drained.	
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia	Large	Adaptable	Non-native. Deciduous conifer. Full sun.
	glyptostroboides	-	·	
Black tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica	Large	Adaptable	Choose Northern Splendor. Native to
	•	-	•	southern region. Full sun.
Ironwood,	Ostrya virginiana	Med	Medium texture,	Native, shade tolerant.
Hophornbeam			well drained	

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Osage orange	Maclura pomifera	Large	Adaptable	New to region, native to south. Large nonedible fruits. Full sun.
American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	Large	Adaptable	Native, Full sun.
Black cherry	Prunus serotina	Med	Medium texture, well drained	Native, wildlife value.
Pin cherry	Prunus pensylvanica	Med	Medium texture, well drained	Native, wildlife value.
Hop tree	Ptelea trifoliata	Small	Adaptable	Native. Part sun to shade.
White oak	Quercus alba	Large	Adaptable	Native, wildlife value.
Swamp white oak	Quercus bicolor	Large	Med-coarse soil, well drained	Native.
Shingle oak	Quercus imbricaria	Large		Shade tolerant. Native to south region.
Bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Large	Medium texture, well drained	Native. Full sun
Chinkapin oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	Large	Med-coarse soil, well drained	Native to southern region. Shade tolerant
Post oak	Quercus stellata	Large	Adaptable	Full sun, native to south region.
Hybrid oaks	Quercus x spp.	Large	Adaptable	Nursery hybrid introductions for various characteristics.
Peach leaved willow	Salix amygdaloides	Large	Fine to Med texture. Well- poor drained.	Full sun. Native.
Sassafrass	Sassafras albidum	Large	Adaptable	Southern region introduction, shade tolerant
Mountain ash	Sorbus decora/americana	Med	Adaptable	Native. Wildlife value. Ornamental value. Ful sun to part shade.
Japanese Tree Lilac	Syringa reticulata	Med	Adaptable	Ornamental non-native
Bald Cypress, swamp cypress	Taxodium distichum	Large	Adaptable	Deciduous conifer, North American native. Prefers wet soil. Shade tolerant.
Basswood	Tilia americana	Large	Adaptable	Native, wildlife value. Shade tolerant.
Elm hybrids	Ulmus x spp.	Large	Adaptable, well drained.	Disease resistant elms. Most are hybrids that cross various species of American, Asian and European elms.

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Evergreen				
White fir, Colorado	Abies concolor	Large	Deep, well	Full sun, salt intolerant. Avoid clay and
fir			drained	high wind. Drought resistant with no
				disease or insect problems.
Balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Medium	Medium texture,	Native. Full sun, tolerates part shade.
			well drained	Wildlife value.
Eastern red cedar	Juniperus virginiana	Medium	Sandy, well	Native, many forms available.
			drained	
Norway spruce	Picea abies	Large		Full sun
Black spruce	Picea nigra	Medium	Wet	Full sun, native
Black hills spruce	Picea glauca	Large		Tolerates exposed wind, high pH
Ponderosa Pine	Pinus ponderosa	Large		Full sun. Western region origin. Tolerates
				exposure
Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	Large		Native
Austrian pine	Pinus nigra	Large	Clay, adaptable	Requires full sun. non-native.
Scotch pine	Pinus sylvestris	Large	Sandy, well	Non-native, full sun.
			drained.	
Jack pine	Pinus	Large		Tolerates exposure and wind. Native.
Douglas fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Large	Well drained,	Shade tolerant, tolerates wind exposure,
			deep, medium to	part shade.
			coarse texture	
			soil.	
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Northern White	Thuja occidentalis	Large	Adaptable	Full sun to part shade. Many forms
cedar, arborvitae				available.
Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga occidentalis			Native, shelter from high wind, shade
				tolerant.