

Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards

Recommended Small Trees for Homeowners

(15' to 30'-40')

Common Name	Botanical Name
Thundercloud Plum Tree	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Thundercloud'
Japanese Snowbell	<i>Styrax japonicus</i>
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>
Kousa Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>
Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	<i>Cornus mas</i>
Yoshino Cherry tree	<i>Prunus xyedoensis</i> 'Yoshino'
Snow Fountains weeping cherry tree	<i>Prunus xyedoensis</i> 'Snow Fountains'
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>
Downy Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>
Red Buckeye	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>
Fringe tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
Franklin tree	<i>Franklinia alatamaha</i>
Hornbeam or Musclewood tree	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
Trident Maple	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>
Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>
Japanese Maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>
Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>
Smoketree	<i>Cotinus coggyria</i>
Nellie Stevens Holly	<i>Ilex x meservae</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>
Eastern Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>

Trees To Avoid

Why Avoid This Tree

Ash Tree	Emerald ash borer
Bradford Pear Tree	Acute-angled branches self-destructs; overuse; choose flowering native tree species instead
Ailanthus or Tree of Heaven	Invasive; large suckering colonies choke out other species
Paulownia or Empress Tree	Much litter under canopy; weak-wooded; aggressive roots
Leyland Cypress	Weak-wooded; bagworms; diseases

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