

Spring 2026 Tree Planting Catalog

Orders Due March 20, 2026

Order Trees Online: <https://bit.ly/shadetrechallenge>

TREE	Height /Width	Sun/Shade	Origin
<p><u>Eastern Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>)</u> Tree with short trunk, rounded crown of spreading branches, and brilliant pink flowers that cover the twigs in spring before the foliage emerges. Avoid wet or poorly drained soils. Smooth, heart-shaped, deciduous foliage does not have significant fall color. Understory tree.</p>	30' / 35'	Part Shade to Shade	North America
<p><u>Serviceberry 'Snowcloud' (<i>Amelanchier laevis</i> 'Snowcloud')</u> Small, deciduous tree or large shrub known for its showy white spring flowers and attractive berries. This cultivar is prized for its rounded crown and ability to thrive in a variety of soil types. The plant is also an excellent choice for attracting pollinators and birds. Upright, oval form. Dark green foliage with red tint in spring. Scarlet fall color.</p>	28' / 20'	Full Sun to Part Shade	Cultivar of Serviceberry, native to eastern North America
<p><u>Winter King Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King')</u> Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils. White showy flower. Tolerates light shade, drought & urban pollution. It is a dense, rounded, largely spineless tree. Flowers are followed by small red fruits that ripen in fall and persist well into winter. Fruit is enjoyed by the birds.</p>	35' / 35'	Full Sun	North America
<p><u>American Sentry Linden (<i>Tilia americana</i> 'American Sentry')</u> A dense shade tree with green heart-shaped leaves and fragrant flowers in June. This cultivar is particularly symmetrical. Its narrow, upright, pyramidal habit opens up slightly as it ages. The bark is smooth and distinctively gray when young. The leaves have a whitish color on the underside that turns yellow in the fall.</p>	50' / 30'	Full Sun to Part Sun	Cultivar of a species that is native to the Chicago region
<p><u>Moraine Sweetgum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Moriane')</u> A cultivar of the Sweetgum tree, known for its fast growth, narrow pyramidal shape, and dense green foliage. Vibrant fall colors of red, orange, and purple. Tolerates a variety of soils. Corky projections of deeply rigid bark make for winter interest and persistent fruit attracts wildlife. Inconspicuous flowers give way to persistent gumball like, spikey fruits which draw a variety of wildlife including birds and squirrels.</p>	60' / 30'	Full Sun to Part Sun	Cultivar of North American species

'White Shield' Osage Orange (*Maclura pomifera* 'White Shield')

This male (fruitless) cultivar is an exceptionally fast-growing form once established. Branches are distinctly upright with glossy green leaves. The most thornless of the Osage Orange cultivars, this heat and drought tolerant tree has remarkably dark green, glossy foliage.

35' / 35'

Full Sun

North America

Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)

Adds movement and a soft, pleasant sound to the landscape due to the "quaking" leaves. Has smooth, greenish-white to cream bark on a long, narrow trunk. Provides stunning yellow fall color. Grows in an oval shape.

50' / 30'

Full Sun

North America

Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

Deciduous conifer. One of its outstanding characteristics is the bald-cypress loses its needles each winter and grows a new set in spring. The needles turn from green to a russet-red fall color in fall. Hardy and tough, this tree will adapt to a wide range of soil types, whether wet, dry, or swampy.

65' / 45'

Full Sun to
Part Sun

North America

Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

Large tree with a rounded, open crown of glossy foliage, best known for its brilliant red autumn color. A pyramidal crown develops from stout, ascending branches. An abundant crop of acorns may not occur before this tree reaches 20 years old.

75' / 50'

Full Sun

North America

American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

Adaptable tree for naturalized areas as well as urban settings. A wildlife-friendly tree perfect for a pollinator or native garden, and a food source for mammals and birds. It is tolerant of some sun, wind and periodic flooding. Orange to red fall color. Slow growing.

30' / 35'

Partial to
Full Shade

North America

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