



# Trees for Tulsa



| Common Name              | Height  | Spread  | Growth Rate    | Remarks  |
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| Cypress, Bald            | 70 – 90 | 40 – 70 | Medium         | Very tolerant of soil types, pyramidal shape, tough tree for many locations. Brown fall color. Oklahoma Proven Tree 2000                           |
| Cedar, Deodar            | 40 – 60 | 25 – 35 | Medium         | Perhaps the most beautiful of all cedars; interesting blue-green foliage, very pyramidal, may be attacked by bagworms and spider mites.            |
| Gingko                   | 10 – 30 | 40 – 50 | Slow           | Interesting fan shaped foliage, few diseases or insect problems; tough, durable with yellow fall color. Slow Growth rate. This is a “fun” tree.    |
| Hackberry                | 50 – 80 | 50 – 60 | Medium         | Tough, native to this area, foliage similar to elm, drought tolerant, many nipple galls (leaf galls).  |
| Honey Locust (pat. Var.) | 50 – 70 | 40 – 50 | Fast           | Tough, durable tree, thin foliage, easy to grow grass under; may be plagued by leaf eating insect. Look for thornless varieties.                   |
| Kentucky Coffee Tree     | 50 – 80 | 40 – 60 | Medium         | Tough, durable tree, female tree bears large seed pods, few insect and disease problems.   |
| Linden, American         | 50 – 80 | 40 – 60 | Medium to Fast | Large foliage with bright yellow fall color. Surface roots, few insect and disease problems.   |
| Magnolia, Southern       | 60 – 80 | 50 – 60 | Slow           | Large, glossy green foliage, large plate size white flowers in early summer; needs good deep moist soil.   |
| Maple, Red               | 50 – 60 | 40 – 50 | Medium         | Superior in every way to silver maple, red to orange fall color; some surface roots which causes problems.   |
| Maple, Sugar             | 60 – 80 | 50 – 70 | Slow to Medium | Slowest growing maple common to this area; gorgeous red to yellow fall color, one of the deepest rooted maples. Caddo variety good choice.         |
| Oaks                     | 30 – 80 | 40 – 60 | Slow to Medium | Oaks are one of the toughest, most adapted family of trees in our region. Many good varieties.   |
| Pistache, Chinese        | 25 – 40 | 20 – 30 | Medium         | Tough, durable tree for dry poor soil sites, compound foliage, bright orange fall color, few diseases or insect problems. One of the best choices. |
| Soapberry, Western       | 30 – 50 | 25- 40  | Medium to Fast | Durable, tough tree, yellow fall color in the early fall; few insect and disease problems.   |
| Sweetgum                 | 60 – 90 | 40 – 60 | Medium         | Excellent red to yellow fall color, may be surface rooted, seed balls are a problem around drives and patios. A very tough tree.                   |
| “True” Chinese Elm       | 30 – 45 | 25- 40  | Fast           | Tough, disease and insect resistant tree. Interesting colorful bark, yellow fall color, dutch elm resistant. Many varieties. Ice Damage likely     |

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| Tulip Tree       | 50 – 80 | 50 – 60 | Fast           | Smallish tulip-like blooms in June; may have surface roots. Bright yellow foliage in fall. Prefers deep well drained soil.  |
| Japanese Zelkova | 50 – 70 | 50 – 50 | Medium         | Foliage and tree very similar to American Elm; not bothered by Dutch Elm disease; yellow fall color. Very interesting bark.   |
| Pines            | 40 – 80 | 20 – 40 | Medium to Fast | There are better alternatives to planting pines, but if you need a pine, choose natives that are pine wood nematode resistant, such as white, pinyon, short-leaf, loblolly, limber. |

### Flowering Trees

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| Crabapple            | 10 – 40 | 10 – 30 | Medium to Fast | Great variety in fruit size, flower color and tree size. Generally tough and tolerant of soil types.   |
| Crapemyrtle          | 12 – 30 | 10 – 25 | Fast           | Excellent, fast growing, durable small tree, free of insect or serious disease problems. Flowers white to red. One of our favorites.                         |
| Dogwood              | 15 – 30 | 15 – 30 | Medium         | Needs excellent drainage, partial shade in mid-afternoon, red fall color, white to red spring flowers, colorful red fruit in fall. Many different varieties. |
| Golden Rain Tree     | 30 – 40 | 25 – 30 | Medium         | Tough durable tree. Flowers in early to mid-summer, may be bothered by box elder bugs  |
| Hawthorne            | 10 – 25 | 10 – 20 | Medium         | Very durable, tough, white blooming tree, but may be plagued by leaf-eating insects and rust disease   |
| Redbud               | 15 – 30 | 15 – 30 | Medium         | Tolerant of soil types and full sun, pink or white flowers, State Tree   |
| Service Berry        | 15 – 25 | 10 – 20 | Slow           | White flowers before foliage, tough, durable. Edible fruit. Drought tolerant.  |
| Star-Saucer Magnolia | 20 – 35 | 20 – 25 | Medium         | Abundant flowers before foliage in late March, tough, durable, usually multi-stem; late frost may damage blooms.   |
| Smoke Tree           | 15 – 20 | 10 – 15 | Medium         | Large loose panicles of pinkish bloom in May or June. Foliage varies from bright green to purple. Another favorite.  |
| Viburnums            | 2 – 20  | 1 - 10  | Medium         | May different varieties, forms and colors. Most are very tough and tolerant to Northeast Oklahoma. Lots of choices.  |

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**Slow** – 6 to 8 inches per year  
**Medium** – 8 to 12 inches per year  
**Fast** – 12 inches or more per year

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