



TOP' TREES FOR SUN

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Relatively long-lived, disease and pest resistant, winter-hardy, not fussy about soil as long as site is well-drained, good foliage quality

Trees for Sun

- Abies concolor, white fir
- Abies koreana, Korean fir
- Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset', red maple, swamp maple
- Aesculus x carnea, red-flowering horse chestnut
- Betula nigra 'Heritage', river birch
- Catalpa speciosa, northern catalpa
- Cercidiphyllum japonicum, Katsura tree
- Chamaecyparis thyoides, Atlantic whitecedar
- Cornus kousa, Chinese dogwood
- Ginkgo biloba
- Gymnocladus dioicus, Kentucky coffeetree
- Halesia carolina 'Wedding Bells', silverbell tree
- Juniperus rigida, needle juniper
- Liriodendron tulipifera, tulip tree
- Maackia amurensis, Amur maackia
- Malus 'Donald Wyman' in flower, 'Indian Summer' in fruit, crabapple *Be sure to select disease-resistant crabapple varieties from list at Cooperative Extension.*
- Metasequoia glyptostroboides, dawn redwood
- Parrotia persica, Persian parrotia
- Picea glauca, white spruce
- Prunus sargentii, Sargent cherry
- Quercus rubra, northern red oak fast-growing, easy- to-transplant oak
- Styphnolobium japonicum (Sophora), Japanese pagoda tree
- Syringa reticulata, Japanese tree lilac
- Taxodium distichum, bald cypress
- Tilia cordata, littleleaf linden
- Tilia tomentosa, silver linden

Comments

adaptable; long soft needles
attractive cones even when young
prefers it moist; fall color
resistant to leaf spot
borer-resistant; bark interest
seedpods on lawn; fast-growing
needs moist site; very large
evergreen; tolerates soggy site
four-season interest; disease-resistant
very tough but female fruits an issue
seedpods; male varieties available
blooms when young; light shade OK
handsome evergreen specimen
gets very large; needs moist soil
summer flowers; smaller tree; adaptable
fall frost susceptible; bark interest;
medium size; great fall foliage
drought/cold resistant evergreen
most durable and winter-hardy cherry
summer blooms
adaptable; durable; June bloom
deciduous conifer; hardier than Metasequoia;
adaptable; durable; June/July bloom
handsome foliage & flowers

Reference:

Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening & Cultivation, Donald J. Leopold (professor at SUNY ESF, Syracuse)

Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics, Culture, Propagation and Uses, Sixth Edition, Michael Dirr (invaluable and comprehensive, but no color pictures)

Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees & Shrubs, Michael Dirr (great color pictures, but not as comprehensive)

Shrubs & Vines for American Gardens, Trees for American Gardens, 2 books by Donald Wyman (older references with great plant lists, but do not use USDA hardiness zones)

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