



TOP' NATIVE TREES

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Relatively long-lived, disease/pest resistant, winter-hardy, good foliage quality

'Native' to the Northeast or nearby states

Native Trees for Sun

Comments

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset', red maple, swamp maple • Betula nigra 'Heritage', river birch • Catalpa speciosa, northern catalpa • Chamaecyparis thyoides, Atlantic whitecedar • Cladrastis kentuckea, American yellowwood • Cotinus obovatus, American smoketree • Diospyros virginiana, persimmon • Gymnocladus dioicus, Kentucky coffeetree • Liriodendron tulipifera, tulip tree • Maclura pomifera, Osage orange • Picea glauca, white spruce • Quercus rubra, northern red oak • Taxodium distichum, bald cypress • | <p>prefers it moist; reliable fall color
borer-resistant; bark interest
seedpods on lawn; fast-growing
evergreen; tolerates soggy site
gray bark; pink variety available
fall foliage color; drought-resistant
edible fruit, usually dioecious
very durable; seedpods (dioecious)
gets very large; needs moist soil
thorns; enormous fruits (dioecious);
drought/cold resistant evergreen
fast-growing, easy- to-transplant oak
deciduous conifer; hardier than Metasequoia</p> |
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Native Trees for Light Shade

Comments

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acer pensylvanicum, moosewood, striped maple • Asimina triloba, pawpaw • Carpinus caroliniana, musclewood, American hornbeam • Cercis canadensis, redbud • Cornus alternifolia, pagoda dogwood • Halesia carolina 'Wedding Bells', silverbell tree • Magnolia acuminata, cucumber tree • Magnolia virginiana, sweetbay magnolia needs acid soil; • Nyssa sylvatica, black gum | <p>native understory tree
edible fruit, tropical foliage effect
adaptable; tolerates occasional flooding
showy blooms; self-sow alot; cultivars <hardy
fruit for birds; layered branch effect
spring blooms even when young
large shade tree
does well in wet sites; semi-evergreen
consistent fall color; dioecious</p> |
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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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