

Trees with Showy Flowers

Native to Utah:



Showy Flowers:



Narrow Parking Strips:



Amur Maackia

Maackia amurensis



Notes: A small shade tree with an open, airy canopy. Fragrant white flowers bloom throughout June. Olive-green bark provides winter interest. In the pea family, leaves are compound and green. Pest resistant.

Size: 30h x 25w

Growth Rate: Slow

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Buckeye, Red

Aesculus pavia



Notes: May experience leaf scorch in hot, dry conditions. Grows best in partial shade. Fruits can grow up to 2 inches across.

Size: 20h x 15w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Catalpa, Western

Catalpa speciosa



Notes: Large shade tree. Flowers are very fragrant though the fruits can be messy. Prefers full to part sun. Very large, heart-shaped leaves.

Size: 50h x 40w

Growth Rate: Fast

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: High

Cherry, European or Bird

Prunus padus



Notes: White fragrant flowers bloom in mid to late spring. Prefers full sun and moist, well drained soils. Produces small black fruits. Leaves turn yellow to bronze in fall.

Size: 25h x 30w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Cherry, Higan

Prunus subhirtella



Notes: Longer-lived tree than some other ornamental cherries. Light pink flowers bloom in early spring. Weeping varieties are available. Leaves turn yellowish in fall.

Size: 25h x 30w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Cherry, Sargent

Prunus sargentii



Notes: Requires little maintenance once established. Pink flowers bloom in mid-spring. Dark reddish-brown bark provides winter interest. Leaves turn bronze-red in fall.

Size: 25h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

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Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana



Notes: Often grows as a small multi stemmed tree. Fruit is red-black and rounded but fruitless varieties available. Good choice under power lines. 'Canada Red' is a variety whose leaves start green and turn purple for the summer.

Size: 25h x 25w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 2

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Chokecherry, Amur

Prunus maackii



Notes: Generally resistant to pests and diseases. White fragrant flowers bloom in mid-spring. Small purple fruit are edible, though bitter. No fall color of note.

Size: 30h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Crabapple

Malus sp.



Notes: Many varieties are available. Most have vibrant fall colors. Flower colors can range from white to rosy red. Some fruits are edible.

Size: 20h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: High

Drought: Med

Dogwood, Cornelian-cherry

Cornus mas



Notes: Can be maintained as a shrub or hedge. Small yellow flowers in early spring. Bright red fruits are edible. Leaves turn yellow or red in fall.

Size: 20h x 15w

Growth Rate: Slow

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Elderberry

Sambucus spp.



Notes: Can get rather large in good conditions. Prefers well-drained, healthy soils. Blooms in early summer and forms red berries. Generally, pest resistant.

Size: 15h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

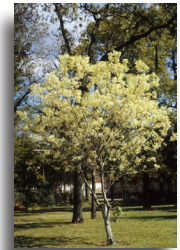
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Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Fringetree

Chionanthus virginicus



Notes: A tough tree that grows well in full sun and part shade. Fragrant flowers are white and fringe-like, blooming in early spring. Leaves turn yellow to brown in fall.

Size: 15h x 15w

Growth Rate: Slow

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3


Tolerance


Alkaline: Med

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Goldenrain Tree

Koelreuteria paniculata



Notes: A tree that tolerates many conditions. Its name is due to the sprays of yellow flowers in the spring, followed by yellowish-pink fruits resembling paper lanterns. No fall color of note.

Size: 30h x 30w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 5

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: High

Drought: High

Hawthorn, Cockspur

Crataegus crusgalli



Notes: Branches have thorns, though there are thornless varieties available. Fruit persists through late fall and into winter. Smooth, glossy, dark green leaves turn red to yellow in fall.

Size: 25h x 25w

Growth Rate: Fast

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: High

Hawthorn, English

Crataegus laevigata



Notes: Requires full sun and prefers well-drained (not clay) soil. White flowers in spring produce deep red fruits. Leaves are dark green and turn yellow- orange in fall.

Size: 20h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Hawthorn, Green

Crataegus viridis



Notes: A hardy and adaptable tree that is more pest resistant than other hawthorns. White flowers in spring and fruit persists through winter. Leaves are dark green and turn purple to red in fall.

Size: 20h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: High

Hawthorn, Washington

Crataegus phaenopyrum



Notes: Similar growth habit to other hawthorns. White flowers bloom in late spring and fruit persists through winter. Leaves are glossy green and turn bright orange in fall.

Size: 30h x 25w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: High

Hazelnut, American

Corylus americana



Notes: Thrives in a wide variety of conditions, and often grown as a large multi-stemmed shrub. Nut fruits are edible. No fall color of note.

Size: 18h x 12w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

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Horsechestnut

Aesculus hippocastanum



Notes: A large shade tree whose leaves can experience scorch in hot, dry conditions. Yellow fall color.

Size: 50h x 40w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: High

Drought: Med

Japanese Pagoda Tree

Sophora japonica



Notes: Fragrant, pea-sized, white flowers bloom in mid-summer on trees older than 10 years. Tolerant of heat, dry soils, pests. Seeds can be messy. Leaves are an attractive bright green and turn a soft yellow in fall.

Size: 40h x 30w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Lilac, Japanese Tree

Syringa reticulata



Notes: A tough, small tree suitable for many environments. Large groups of fragrant, white flower clusters bloom in late spring. Leaves are a deep green with no fall color of note.

Size: 25h x 15w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Columnar

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: High

Drought: Med

Linden or Basswood

Tilia americana



Notes: A large shade tree native to eastern U.S. with a dense canopy. Fragrant, creamy-white flowers bloom in late spring, attracting numerous pollinators. Dark green leaves turn yellow in fall.

Size: 60h x 40w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 2

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Linden, Littleleaf

Tilia cordata



Notes: One of the most popular lindens with a tight, upright, symmetrical canopy. Fragrant, creamy-white flowers bloom in late spring, attracting numerous pollinators. Leaves are dark green above and silvery underneath.

Size: 60h x 30w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Pyramidal

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Linden, Silver

Tilia tomentosa



Notes: Similar growth habit to other lindens but leaves are more silvery on the underside. Fragrant, creamy-white flowers bloom in late spring, attracting numerous pollinators. Tolerant of many soil types.

Size: 60h x 40w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4


Tolerance

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Linden, Summer Sprite

Tilia cordata 'Halka'



Notes: A semi-dwarf variety that forms a dense, compact crown perfect for smaller spaces. Grows best in full sun and most soil conditions. Leaves are dark green above and silvery underneath.

Size: 20h x 15w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Pyramidal

Zone: 3

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Magnolia, Saucer

Magnolia x soulangiana



Notes: Makes a great accent tree for all landscapes. The pink and white flowers are large and saucer-shaped, blooming in early spring. Foliage is dark green with no fall color of note.

Size: 30h x 25h

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Med

Drought: Low

Redbud, Western

Cercis occidentalis



Notes: A shrub to small tree with an irregular growth habit that is often spreading. Can be multi-stemmed. Prefers sun to partial shade and well-drained soil.

Size: 20h x 15w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 5

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Low

Drought: High

Serviceberry

Amelanchier spp.



Notes: Can be grown as a large shrub or small tree. Attractive white flowers in mid-spring give way to edible (and tasty), blue berries that also attract birds. Leaves turn yellow to red in fall.

Size: 20h x 25w

Growth Rate: Slow

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Smoketree, American

Cotinus obovatus



Notes: A tough, small, accent tree that is adaptable to many adverse soil conditions. Flower clusters resemble pink puffs of smoke in summer. Clean, blue-green foliage turns orange to red in fall.

Size: 20h x 20w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: High

Sumac, Basketbrush/Skunkbrush

Rhus trilobata



Notes: A multi-stemmed shrub that forms a compact and branched shape. Clusters of small white flowers emerge in late spring, forming fuzzy red berries attractive to birds. Yellow-orange in fall.

Size: 10h x 10w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

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Tulip-poplar

Liriodendron tulipifera



Notes: Not a poplar, but a member of the Magnolia family that forms a tall, straight trunk and dense shade. Blooms in late spring resemble the shape of tulips and persist for 2-3 weeks. Dull yellow fall color.

Size: 50h x 35w

Growth Rate: Fast

Shape: Pyramidal

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: Med

Salt: Low

Drought: Med

Tupelo, Black

Nyssa sylvatica



Notes: A great shade tree that produces small purple fruits. The smooth, glossy, dark green, foliage turns red-yellow in fall.

Size: 40h x 25w

Growth Rate: Slow

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

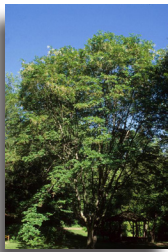
Alkaline: Low

Salt: High

Drought: High

Yellowwood

Cladrastis kentukea



Notes: An excellent shade tree with fragrant, white, pea-sized flowers in summer. It is adaptable to a variety of growing conditions. The bright green leaves turn yellow in fall.

Size: 40h x 40w

Growth Rate: Medium

Shape: Rounded

Zone: 4

Tolerance

Alkaline: High

Salt: Med

Drought: Med

Common Name	Botanical Name	Image Credit
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Cherry, European or Bird	Prunus padus	Michael Shephard, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org
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