

Seattle Department of Transportation – Approved Street Tree List

Medium Columnar Trees

Scientific & Common Name	Mature Height	Spread	Under Wires?	Min Strip Width	Flower Color	Fall Color	Comments
<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Columnar' Columnar Norway Maple	45	15	No	5	N/A		Good close to buildings – Do NOT plant within 1000' of greenbelts – can be invasive
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Bowhall' Bowhall Maple	40	20	No	6	N/A		An upright, pyramidal form that is significantly wider than 'Armstrong' or 'Columnare'
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigiata' Pyramidal European Hornbeam	40	15	No	5	N/A		Broadens when older. Great Plant Pick
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Dawyck Purple' Dawyck Purple Beech	40	12	No	6	N/A		Purple foliage.
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> 'Fastigiatum' Columnar Tulip Tree	40	10	No	6			Good next to buildings – can have problems with tight branch angles. Great Plant Pick
<i>Malus</i> 'Tschonoskii' Tschonoskii Crabapple	30	15	Yes	5			Sparse green fruit, pyramidal
<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i> Sourwood	35	12	No	5			Consistent and brilliant fall color. Great Plant Pick
<i>Prunus sargentii</i> 'Columnaris' Columnar Sargent Cherry	35	15	No	8			Upright form. The cherry with the best fall color. Can suffer from brown rot in spring.
<i>Prunus x hillieri</i> 'Spire' Spire Cherry	30	10	Yes	6			One of the few 'wire friendly' columnar cherries. Can suffer from brown rot in spring.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Cambridge' Cambridge Pear	40	15	No	5			Narrow tree with better branch angles and form than the species – brittle limbs may still be a problem with breakage due to ice or wet snow

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<i>Acer grandidentatum</i> 'Schmidt' Rocky Mt. Glow Maple	25	20	Yes	5	N/A		Intense red fall color - Limited availability in nursery trade
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Karpick' Karpick Maple	40	20	No	6	N/A		Finer texture than other narrow forms of columnar maple
<i>Acer truncatum</i> x <i>A. platanoides</i> 'Keithsform' Norwegian Sunset Maple	35	25	No	5	N/A		Reliable fall color - nice reddish orange
<i>Acer truncatum</i> x <i>A. platanoides</i> 'Warrensred' Pacific Sunset Maple	30	25	Yes	5	N/A		Limited use under higher wires
<i>Betula albosinensis</i> var <i>septentrionalis</i> Chinese Red Birch	40	35	No	5	N/A		White or pink peeling bark. Great Plant Pick
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> American Hornbeam	25	20	Yes	5	N/A		Outstanding fall color (variable – yellow, orange, red) – nice little tree. Great Plant Pick
<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> Yellowwood	40	40	No	5			White flowers in spring, resembling wisteria flower – blooms profusely only every 2 to 4 years – yellow/gold fall color

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<i>Cornus controversa</i> 'June Snow' Giant Dogwood	40	30	No	5			Frothy, 6-inch clusters of white flowers in June – Great Plant Pick
<i>Cornus</i> 'Eddie's White Wonder' Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood	30	20	Yes	5			A hybrid of <i>C. florida</i> and <i>C. nuttallii</i>
<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i> 'Inermis' Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne	25	30	Yes	5			Red persistent fruit
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> Washington Hawthorne	25	20	Yes	5			Thorny – do not plant in high use areas
<i>Crataegus x lavalii</i> Lavalle Hawthorne	25	20	Yes	5			Thorns on younger trees. Great Plant Pick
<i>Davidia involucrata</i> Dove Tree	40	30	No	5		N/A	Large, unique flowers in May. Great Plant Pick
<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i> Hardy Rubber Tree	50	40	No	6	N/A	N/A	Dark green, very shiny leaves – insignificant fall color
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Rohanii' Purple Oak Leaf Beech	50	30	No	6	N/A	N/A	Attractive purple leaves with wavy margins. . Great Plant Pick
<i>Halesia monticola</i> Mountain Silverbell	45	25	No	5			Attractive small white flower
<i>Halesia tetraptera</i> Carolina Silverbell	35	30	No	5			Attractive bark for seasonal interest
<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i> Goldenrain Tree	30	30	Yes	5			Midsummer blooming – slow growing. Great Plant Pick
<i>Magnolia denudata</i> Yulan Magnolia	40	40	No	5		N/A	6” inch fragrant white flowers in spring. Great Plant Pick
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Victoria' Victoria Evergreen Magnolia	25	20	Yes	5		N/A	Evergreen magnolia – can be damaged in years with wet, heavy snow. Great Plant Pick
<i>Magnolia kobus</i> 'Wada's Memory' Wada's Memory Magnolia'	30	20	Yes	5			Does not flower well when young. Great Plant Pick
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> Ironwood	40	25	No	5	N/A		Hop like fruit – slow growing
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i> 'Macho' Macho Cork Tree	40	40	No	5	N/A		This variety is fruitless – fall color can be varied. High drought tolerance
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Krauter Vesuvius' Vesuvius Flowering Plum	30	20	Yes	5		N/A	Burgundy colored leaves – tree best used as an accent rather than in mass plantings
<i>Pterostyrax hispida</i> Fragrant Epaulette Tree	40	30	No	5			Pendulous creamy white flowers – fragrant – difficult to find in the nursery trade
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Aristocrat' Aristocrat Pear	40	30	No	5			One of the tallest flowering pears – good branch angles, but wood is brittle. Reported as invasive in other areas.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Glen's Form' Chanticleer or Cleveland Select Pear	40	20	No	5			Selected variety of callery pear – good spring flowering. . Reported as invasive in other areas

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<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Redspire' Redspire Pear	35	25	No	5			Selected variety of callery pear – good spring flowering. . Reported as invasive in other areas
<i>Quercus illex</i> Holly Oak	40	30	No	5	N/A	N/A	Evergreen oak - Underside of leaf is silvery-white. Often has a prominent umbrella form
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i> Cascara	30	20	Yes	5	N/A		Native tree – fall color depends on exposure – purplish fruit feeds many native birds
<i>Robinia x ambigua</i> Pink Idaho Locust	35	25	No	5			Fragrant flowers. Sterile variety. Drought tolerant. Some varieties will sucker profusely.
<i>Sophora japonica</i> 'Regent' Japanese Pagodatree	45	40	No	6			Has a rapid growth rate and tolerates city conditions, heat, and drought.
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> 'Mitchred' Cardinal Royal Mt. Ash	35	20	No	5			A vigorous tree with upright branches and a very symmetrical habit. Leaves are silvery underneath.
<i>Sorbus x hybridia</i> Oakleaf Royal Mt. Ash	30	20	Yes	5			It has leaves which are similar to English oak, and interesting bark for seasonal features.
<i>Styrax japonica</i> Japanese Snowbell	25	25	Yes	5			Reliable and easy to grow, it has plentiful, green ½" inch seeds. Flowers similar to lily in the valley. Great Plant Pick
<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'De Groot' De Groot Littleleaf Linden	30	20	Yes	5	N/A		One of the smaller stature littleleaf lindens.
<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Chancole' Chancellor Linden	35	20	No	6	N/A		Pyramidal when young. Fragrant flowers that attract bees.
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> 'Emer I' Athena Classic Elm	30	35	No	5	N/A		High resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. Drought resistant. Cinnamon colored exfoliating bark for seasonal interest.