

Nyssa Sylvatica 'Black Gum'

Height: 40-50 feet

Light: full or partial sun

Bloom Time: April - May

Spread: 30-40 feet

Soil: moist, slightly acid

Form: oval; pyramidal

The Wildfire Black gum

This tree bursts into color with a bright red foliage flush in spring followed by inflorescent flowers that are a nectar source for native insect and the birds that feed on them. Flowers give way to dark blue fruits that are attractive to birds. Stunning fall foliage is scarlet, yellow and orange. The tree also goes by the common name Sour Gum because its abundant fruit, though technically edible, is quite sour. Birds can't get enough of the fruit and beekeepers value the nectar for making quality honey.



Liriodendron Tulipifera ‘Tulip Poplar’

Height: 80-100 feet

Light: full sun

Bloom Time: May - June

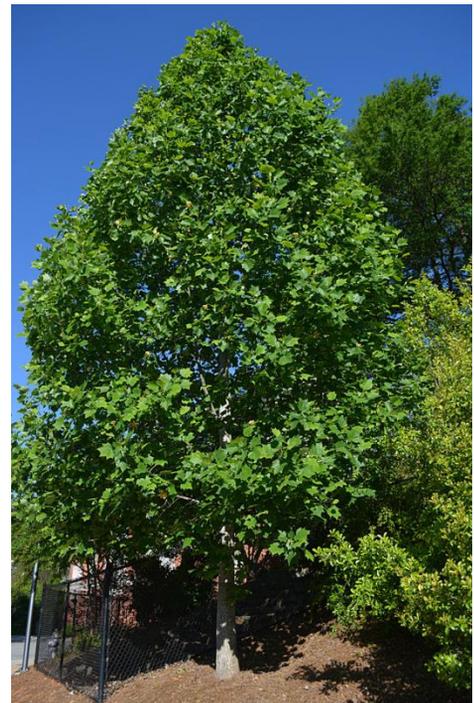
Spread: 35-50 feet

Soil: moderately moist

Form: pyramidal, conical

The Tulip Poplar

This tree is a rapid-growing, shooting up at a rate of 15-20 feet over a time period of 6-8 years. Truly a majestic tree when in full form, the tulip poplar produces flowers that are reminiscent of the tulip flower. A tree that starts leafing early on, the coloration shifts from a bright green to a warm yellow in the fall. It is also useful for different wildlife forms with its fruits providing a food source for squirrels. Similarly, white-tailed deer like to feed on the twigs of tulip poplars in the fall to winter.



Taxodium Distichum

‘Baldcypress’

Height: 50-70 feet

Light: full sun

Bloom Time: March - April

Spread: 20-30 feet

Soil: moist or dry

Form: pyramidal

The Baldcypress

With a color palette that shifts from a light yellow-green to sage from spring to summer and finally to a softer brown in autumn, the bald cypress is a beautiful tree. It boasts a distinctly unique fibrous bark similar to that of its close relative, the dawn redwood. These trees are wonderful for wildlife in that they provide nesting areas for multiple species of birds and provide food for others in their seed production. The Baldcypress is fantastic from a landscaping standpoint in that it provides both unique texture and form.



Tilia Americana 'American Linden'

Height: 60-80 feet

Light: full or partial sun

Bloom Time: mid-late June

Spread: 30-50 feet

Soil: moist

Form: rounded pyramidal

The American Linden

A large beautiful shade tree, the American Linden boasts a lush green coloration in the summer shifting to a more relaxed yellow in autumn. In late June the tree produces pretty flowers measuring approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width. Flowers tend to be yellow in color, but the American Linden also produces flowers that are a creamy white tone. Bees love these flowers and make a fine honey from the flowers, which is said to be among the best in the world.



Acer Sacchrum ‘Sugar Maple’

Height: 60-100 feet

Light: full sun

Bloom Time: March-April

Spread: 40-60 feet

Soil: moderately moist

Form: oval

The Sugar Maple

The sugar maple is often regarded as one of the best shade trees leading it to be found in parks, golf courses, and in yards! Sporting a deep green color in the summer, this trees leaves turn a brilliant orange color, even red in autumn. A more subtle flower, these trees produce a yellow-green blossom in spring making way for the leaves to emerge. While traditionally these trees are tapped up north for their sap for the creation of syrup, the sugar maple will be a great shade producer for any yard.



Ulmus Americana 'American Elm'

Height: 60-80 feet

Light: full sun

Bloom Time: March

Spread: 30-60 feet

Soil: moist

Form: vase-like

The American Elm

A relatively quick growing tree, the American elm is held in high regard in New England. These trees take on an iconic vase-like form in which branches shoot almost vertically from the trunk creating a beautifully dense canopy. The leaves shift from a deep green in the summertime to a more vibrant yellow and varied coloration come autumn. In late February to March it produces smaller reddish green flowers which hang from the tree.



Quercus Alba 'White oak'

Height: 50-80 feet

Light: full sun

Bloom Time: March-April

Spread: 50-80 feet

Soil: moist, acid

Form: rounded

The white oak

Known as one of the most handsome oaks, the white oak is a great tree providing wonderful shade. It has leaves which experience a fantastic transition of colors throughout the seasons. They begin almost pinkish and gradually turn green as summer approaches and they begin to mature. In the fall the color palette ranges from brown to red to a burgundy somewhere in between. When they fruit they create edible acorns which are eaten by animals and can be used to make flour to assist in different baking projects!

