

2024 Parkway Tree Planting Program



Eastern Redbud - Rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green, then to yellow. Forms a spreading, graceful crown. Full sun or light shade. Partial shade preferred in windy, dry areas. Mature height 20-30', mature spread 30'.

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Accolade Elm - A vase shaped, medium to large, deciduous elm that typically grows to 50-60' tall and to 25-40' wide. It reportedly has excellent resistance to Dutch elm disease, elm leaf miner and elm leaf beetle. Grow in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerant of light shade. Prefers rich, moist loams. Adapts to both wet and dry sites. Generally tolerant of urban conditions.



Autumn Splendor Buckeye - This hybrid is grown for its beautiful glossy green foliage and burgundy fall color. Reaches 35' tall at maturity with an upright-oval form. Produces large yellow flowers and a fruit (insignificant) similar to a horsechestnut. Prefers well-drained soil. The yellow buckeye grows to a height of 35' and a spread of around 25-30' at maturity. This tree is considered both a shade tree and an ornamental tree. It features a spreading canopy capable of blocking sunlight and adds visual interest and beauty to landscaping.



Frontier Elm - This Elm has good resistance to Dutch elm disease (DED) and elm yellows and moderate resistance to elm leaf beetle. This hardy, tolerant tree is a good choice for residential landscapes and along city streets. This tree prefers full sun. Mature height 30-40', mature spread of 20-30'.



Sterling Silver Linden - A splendid shade tree with light gray, smooth bark and leaves that are a dark, radiant green on top, shimmering silver beneath. It offers extremely fragrant clusters of yellow-white flowers bloom in late June to early July. In summer, the trees treat your neighborhood to a marvelous, scented floral display. The pendulous, creamy-yellow blooms smell bright and sweet. Silver linden flowers are highly attractive to bees, and other beneficial pollinators. Growth Rate: This tree grows at a medium rate, with height increases of 1-2 feet per year. Mature Size: It can grow up to a height of 40-45 feet.



Prairiefire Crab - A flowering crab has bright red flowers and a 3/8" decorative red-purple fruit. Handsome red-brown bark accents spring and fall foliage. A showy landscape choice. Disease-resistant. Mature height 20', mature spread 15'.

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Sugarberry - One of the toughest trees available and is one of few native Illinois specimen trees. A good choice for attracting wildlife, the Native Sugarberry is also one of the fastest growing trees we have available.

The beautiful textured bark adds interest to the landscape, as well as damage protection. Hackberry is always a safe bet and is a must for places where tough growing conditions exist. Sugarberry is an extremely versatile shade tree which can be planted almost anywhere in the yard. This tree should be planted at least 15ft from buildings, and is a perfect choice for open areas and parkways. Mature height 45', mature spread 35'.



Shingle Oak - A native tree to Illinois and more specifically to the Chicagoland region. Unlike other oaks, this tree has a unique leaf shape, atypical and unlobed. Shingle Oak is an extremely tolerant tree that can grow in almost any condition. Mature height 50', mature spread 30'.



Ginkgo - Is a hardy, pest-resistant, and attractive tree. It has unusual fan-shaped leaves that turn vivid yellow in fall. Only male trees should be purchased, as the females produce seeds with a soft, fruitlike covering that can be messy and have a potent odor. Mature height, 50-80', mature spread, variable.



Cleveland Select Pear - A distinctive columnar form makes this a great choice for street or yard planting.

Showy clusters of gleaming white blooms in early spring. Dark green summer foliage turns a brilliant purplish red-orange in fall. Mature height, 40', mature spread, 15-20'.



Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac - Beautiful creamy-white blooms with a captivating fragrance spring through summer. A small tree or large shrub that forms a rounded crown with rich green foliage on attractive reddish-brown bark. Makes a perfect accent or background plant. Mature height, 20-25', mature spread, 15-20'.



Exclamation Planetree - The EXCLAMATION!TM London Planetree has an upright, pyramidal growth habit and multiple seasons of color. And with a growth rate of about 3 feet per year, London Planetrees quickly establish themselves as mature shade trees. They'll create cool areas in your yard and shade your home to cut down on air bills during summer.

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Cardinal Crabapple - Cardinal is a densely-branched, broad-spreading crabapple tree that typically matures to 15' tall and to 25' wide. It is noted for its spreading shape, bright red flowers, purple-tinged foliage, small glossy red fruit and excellent disease resistance. Narrow-ovate leaves (to 3" long) emerge purplish-red in spring and mature to dark green tinged with reddish-purple. Purple buds open in spring to red flowers (1.5" diameter). Flowers are followed by small, deep red crabapples (1/2" diameter) that mature in fall and persist into winter. Birds are attracted to the fruit.



Yellowwood Tree - The Yellowwood tree also commonly known as American yellowwood, is a shade tree with a showy floral display in spring and in autumn when the leaves turn yellow-orange. Yellowwood grows somewhat slowly, reaching 9 to 12 feet in about a decade. Its mature size will reach 30 to 50 feet high and equally as wide, forming into a vase shape. When it blooms, intensely fragrant, wisteria-like flowers droop in long terminal panicles of about 10 to 15 inches long and will cover the mature tree in late spring.



American Hornbeam - The American hornbeam is a native forest understory tree in the Chicago area, making it useful for shady landscapes and naturalized or woodland gardens. New leaves emerge reddish-purple, changing to dark green, then turn yellow to orange-red in the fall, offering a kaleidoscope of color throughout the year. Even in winter, the tree's fluted blue-gray bark with long, sinewy ridges makes it a special addition to the landscape. The hornbeam tree grows to a height of 20-30' and a spread of around 20-30' at maturity.



"Espresso" Kentucky Coffee Tree - Stark and rugged in the winter, the Espresso Kentucky Coffee Tree's picturesque native, Midwest look becomes tropical in appearance in the summer. Espresso features huge doubly compound leaves which give this tree a tropical-like feel, and arching branches present in the elm-like form. This is a seedless selection with great tolerance of heat, drought, and cold. Espresso's doubly compound green leaves emerge to cast filtered shade. The coffee tree grows to a height of 50' and a spread of around 30' at maturity.