



Trees for Tulsa



Common Name	Height	Spread	Growth Rate	Remarks
Cypress, Bald	70 – 90	40 – 70	Medium	Very tolerant of soil types, pyramidal shape, tough tree for many locations. Brown fall color. Oklahoma Proven Tree 2000
Cedar, Deodar	40 – 60	25 – 35	Medium	Perhaps the most beautiful of all cedars; interesting blue-green foliage, very pyramidal, may be attacked by bagworms and spider mites.
Gingko	10 – 30	40 – 50	Slow	Interesting fan shaped foliage, few diseases or insect problems; tough, durable with yellow fall color. Slow Growth rate. This is a “fun” tree.
Hackberry	50 – 80	50 – 60	Medium	Tough, native to this area, foliage similar to elm, drought tolerant, many nipple galls (leaf galls).
Honey Locust (pat. Var.)	50 – 70	40 – 50	Fast	Tough, durable tree, thin foliage, easy to grow grass under; may be plagued by leaf eating insect. Look for thornless varieties.
Kentucky Coffee Tree	50 – 80	40 – 60	Medium	Tough, durable tree, female tree bears large seed pods, few insect and disease problems.
Linden, American	50 – 80	40 – 60	Medium to Fast	Large foliage with bright yellow fall color. Surface roots, few insect and disease problems.
Magnolia, Southern	60 – 80	50 – 60	Slow	Large, glossy green foliage, large plate size white flowers in early summer; needs good deep moist soil.
Maple, Red	50 – 60	40 – 50	Medium	Superior in every way to silver maple, red to orange fall color; some surface roots which causes problems.
Maple, Sugar	60 – 80	50 – 70	Slow to Medium	Slowest growing maple common to this area; gorgeous red to yellow fall color, one of the deepest rooted maples. Caddo variety good choice.
Oaks	30 – 80	40 – 60	Slow to Medium	Oaks are one of the toughest, most adapted family of trees in our region. Many good varieties.
Pistache, Chinese	25 – 40	20 – 30	Medium	Tough, durable tree for dry poor soil sites, compound foliage, bright orange fall color, few diseases or insect problems. One

				of the best choices.
Soapberry, Western	30 – 50	25- 40	Medium to Fast	Durable, tough tree, yellow fall color in the early fall; few insect and disease problems.
Sweetgum	60 – 90	40 – 60	Medium	Excellent red to yellow fall color, may be surface rooted, seed balls are a problem around drives and patios. A very tough tree.
“True” Chinese Elm	30 – 45	25- 40	Fast	Tough, disease and insect resistant tree. Interesting colorful bark, yellow fall color, dutch elm resistant. Many varieties. Ice Damage likely
Tulip Tree	50 – 80	50 – 60	Fast	Smallish tulip-like blooms in June; may have surface roots. Bright yellow foliage in fall. Prefers deep well drained soil.
Japanese Zelkova	50 – 70	50 – 50	Medium	Foliage and tree very similar to American Elm; not bothered by Dutch Elm disease; yellow fall color. Very interesting bark.
Pines	40 – 80	20 – 40	Medium to Fast	There are better alternatives to planting pines, but if you need a pine, choose natives that are pine wood nematode resistant, such as white, pinyon, short-leaf, loblolly, limber.
Flowering Trees				
Crabapple	10 – 40	10 – 30	Medium to Fast	Great variety in fruit size, flower color and tree size. Generally tough and tolerant of soil types.
Crapemyrtle	12 – 30	10 – 25	Fast	Excellent, fast growing, durable small tree, free of insect or serious disease problems. Flowers white to red. One of our favorites.
Dogwood	15 – 30	15 – 30	Medium	Needs excellent drainage, partial shade in mid-afternoon, red fall color, white to red spring flowers, colorful red fruit in fall. Many different varieties.
Golden Rain Tree	30 – 40	25 – 30	Medium	Tough durable tree. Flowers in early to mid-summer, may be bothered by box elder bugs
Hawthorne	10 – 25	10 – 20	Medium	Very durable, tough, white blooming tree, but may be plagued by leaf-eating insects and rust disease
Redbud	15 – 30	15 – 30	Medium	Tolerant of soil types and full sun, pink or white flowers, State Tree
Service Berry	15 – 25	10 – 20	Slow	White flowers before foliage, tough, durable. Edible fruit. Drought tolerant.
Star-Saucer	20 – 35	20 – 25	Medium	Abundant flowers before foliage in late March, tough,

Magnolia				durable, usually multi-stem; late frost may damage blooms.
Smoke Tree	15 – 20	10 – 15	Medium	Large loose panicles of pinkish bloom in May or June. Foliage varies from bright green to purple. Another favorite.
Viburnums	2 – 20	1 - 10	Medium	May different varieties, forms and colors. Most are very tough and tolerant to Northeast Oklahoma. Lots of choices.
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