

**Shade: small trees
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Japanese Maple <i>Acer palmatum</i></p> <p><i>*best in areas with morning sun and afternoon shade</i></p>	<p>Many varieties available:</p> <p>-Smallest types are under 5 feet tall & wide</p> <p>-Largest are 15-18 feet tall & wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees or below</p>	<p>Elegant trees that can be weeping or upright. Maple-shaped leaves may be full, lacy, deeply cut, small, or have other features. Leaves can be shades of green, shades of red, or variegated. Amazing fall color.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Dappled Willow <i>Salix integra 'Hakuro Nishiki'</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p>	<p>8-10 feet tall 8-10 feet wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> <p><i>More often grown as shrub, but can be made into tree</i></p>	<p>Weeping branches, striking pink stems & buds. Leaves are green with white variegation, and pink highlights.</p> <p>Deer rating: 6/10 <i>*Willows grow back so quickly, they can recover quickly from deer damage</i></p>	
<p>Camellia <i>Camellia sasanqua</i> or <i>Camellia japonica</i></p>	<p>8-15 feet tall 6-10 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10-15 degrees</p> <p><i>More often grown as shrub, but can be made into tree</i></p>	<p>Leathery green leaves year-round. Large, showy flowers may be red, pink, or white. <i>Camellia sasanqua</i> blooms fall into winter. <i>Camellia japonica</i> blooms winter into spring.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10 <i>*may need to protect until tree is out of reach of deer</i></p>	

<p>Boxleaf Azara <i>Azara microphylla</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p>	<p>12-18 feet tall 6-8 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Tree with fountain-like, arching shape. Tiny, shiny, green leaves year-round. Tiny, yellow, vanilla-scented flowers in late winter.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10 <i>*may need to protect until tree is out of reach of deer</i></p>	
<p>Eastern Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p>	<p>15-25 feet tall 15-20 feet wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees or below</p>	<p>Large, showy flowers in spring. Flowers are pink or white, depending on type. Leaves turn orange, red, and/or pink in fall. Red berries mature in fall.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10 <i>*may need to protect until tree is out of reach of deer</i></p>	
<p>Tricolor Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica 'Tricolor'</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p>	<p>20-30 feet tall 10-20 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Unique tree with variegated leaves that may include shades of red, pink, and purple. Leaves turn coppery for fall. Seeds produced in fall are edible. Handles sun as well, but color fades during summer months.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It typically takes 1-2 years of regular water for a new plant to be established. In general, plants look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.



→ this symbol indicates plants that are considered fire-wise, meaning that they are more resistant to wildfire due to their growth habits. Plants with this symbol were found online in lists of 'fire safe' plants.

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<p>Western Redbud <i>Cercis occidentalis</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p> 	<p>15-20 feet tall 15-20 feet wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p> <p><i>Usually multi-trunk but can be trained as standard tree</i></p>	<p>Tight clusters of flowers before leaves, all over the stems and branches. Flowers are purplish-pink and very showy. Green leaves are somewhat heart-shaped. Yellow fall color.</p> <p>Needs protection from deer until lowest branches are at least 4 feet high</p>	
<p>Vine Maple <i>Acer circinatum</i></p> <p><i>*for part sun or part shade areas</i></p> 	<p>10-15 feet tall 15-20 feet wide</p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Full maple leaves are almost circular. Sprawling, vine-like growth habit. Leaves turn red-orange in fall. Can handle sun as well</p> <p>Deer rating: 6/10 *may need to protect until tree is out of reach of deer</p>	
<p>Pacific Dogwood <i>Cornus nuttallii</i></p> <p><i>*for full sun or part shade areas</i></p> 	<p>20-40 feet tall 10-25 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Simple oval leaves are green and turn shades of pinks, oranges, and red in fall. Large white flowers in spring. Pink-red berry clusters in fall and winter.</p> <p>Needs protection from deer until lowest branches are at least 4 feet high</p>	