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Botanical Name	Common Name	Locally Native	Urban Tolerant	Screening	Area of Canopy 10 yrs (sq ft)
Large Deciduous Trees (50'- 70')					
Acer floridanum	Southern Sugar Maple	No			106
Acer rubrum & cvs.	Red Maple - 'straight species', 'October Glory', 'Red Sunset'	Yes			176
Acer rubrum 'Armstrong'	Red Maple - 'Armstrong'	Yes	X		44
Aesculus flava	Yellow Buckeye	Yes			85
Aesculus x carnea	Red Horsechestnut	No			151
Betula lenta	Sweet Birch	Yes			303
Betula nigra & cvs.	River Birch - 'straight species', 'Heritage'	Yes	X		132
Carpinus caroliniana	American Hornbeam	Yes	X		113
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut Hickory	Yes			452
Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory	Yes			61
Carya illinoiensis	Pecan	No			226
Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory	Yes			132
Celtis laevigata	Sugarberry	Yes	X		153
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon	Yes			78
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	Yes		X	113
Fagus sylvatica & cvs.	European Beech	No		X	113
Ginkgo biloba 'Magyar'	Magyar' Ginkgo	No	X		87
Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'	Princeton Sentry' Ginkgo	No	Х		50
Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'	Autumn Gold' Ginkgo	No	Х		95
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis & cvs.	Thornless Honeylocust	No	Х		201
Gymnocladus dioica	Kentucky Coffeetree	No	X		113
Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	Yes			176
Larix decidua	European Larch	No			154
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum	Yes			176
Liquidambar styraciflua 'Rotundiloba'	Rotundiloba' Sweetgum	Yes			95
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree or Tulip Poplar	Yes		Х	176
Magnolia acuminata	Cucumbertree Magnolia	Yes			78
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Dawn Redwood	No	X	X	78
Morus rubra & cvs.	Red Mulberry	Yes			176
Nyssa sylvatica	Blackgum - 'straight species', 'Wildfire'	Yes	Х		78
Platanus x acerifolia & cvs.	London Planetree- 'Bloodgood'	No			201
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore or American Planetree	Yes			254
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	Yes			113
Quercus alba	White Oak	Yes			113
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak	Yes			113
Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak	Yes			113
Quercus falcata	Southern Red Oak	Yes			259
Quercus hemisphaerica & cvs.	Sand Laurel Oak - 'straight species'; 'Darlington'	No	Х		335
Quercus imbricaria	Shingle Oak	Yes			153
Quercus prinus	Chestnut Oak	Yes	Х		113



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Large Deciduous Trees (50'- 70') (cont.)					
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	No			113
Quercus muehlenbergii	Chinquapin Oak	Yes	X		291
Quercus palustris & cvs.	Pin or Water Oak- 'straight species', 'Green Pillar'	Yes	X		176
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	Yes			113
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	Yes	X		176
Taxodium distichum & cvs.	Bald Cypress- 'straight species', 'Shawnee Brave'	No	X	X	78
Tilia americana & cvs.	Basswood- 'straight species', 'Redmond'	Yes			176
Tilia cordata & cvs	Littleleaf Linden- 'straight species', 'Greenspire'	No	X	X	113
Tilia tomentosa & cvs	Silver Linden- 'straight species', 'Green Mountain'	No	Х	X	153
Ulmus americana & cvs	American Elm- 'Delaware', 'New Harmony', 'Princeton', 'Washington', 'Valley Expedition'	Yes	X		176
Medium Deciduous Trees (40'- 50')					
Aesculus x carnea	Red Horsechestnut	No	Х	Х	151
Carpinus betulus	European Hornbeam	No	X	X	50
Celtis occidentalis & cvs.	Hackberry- 'straight species', Magnifica', 'Prairie Pride'	Yes	X		201
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsuratree	No	X		78
Ostrya virginiana	American Hophornbeam	Yes	X		66
Salix nigra	Black Willow	Yes			176
Sassafras albidum	Common Sassafras	Yes	Х	Х	94
Sophora japonica & cvs.	Scholartree or pagoda tree- 'Princeton Upright', 'Regent'	No	X		113
Small Deciduous Trees (20'- 40')					
Asimona triloba	Paw Paw	Yes	I		283
Carpinus betulus & cvs.	Pyramidal European Hornbeam- 'Fastigiata'	No	Х	Х	50
Cladrastis kentukea & cvs.	Yellowwood- 'straight species', 'Perkin's Pink', 'Sweetshade'	No	X		176
Crataegus crus-galli var. crus-galli & cvs.	Cockspur Hawthorn- 'straight species', 'Thornless'	Yes	X	Х	113
Crataegus laevigata	English Hawthorn	No	X	X	125
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn	No	X	X	78
Crataegus viridis	Green Hawthorn- 'straight species', 'Winter King'	No	X	X	78
Halesia diptera & cvs.	Two-winged Silverbell	No			128
Halesia monticola & cvs.	Silverbell Tree	No			214
Maackia amurensis & cvs.	Amur Maackia- "Starburst"	No	Х		113
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	Yes	X		79
Prunus campanulata & cvs.	Flowering Cherry- 'Okame'	No	X		99
Prunus cerasifera & cvs.	Flowering Plum- 'Krauter Vesusvius', 'Thundercloud', 'Newport'	No No	X	Х	79
Prunus sargentii & cvs.	Sargent Cherry- 'Columnaris'	No	X		79
Prunus serrulata & cvs.	Japanese Flowering Cherry	No	X		87
Prunus x yeodensis & cvs.	Yoshino Flowering Cherry- 'Afterglow', 'Akebono'	No No	X		79



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Ornamental Trees (10'- 40')					
Acer griseum	Paperbark Maple	No			88
Amelanchier arborea & cvs.	Downy Serviceberry	Yes	X	X	113
Amelanchier canadensis & cvs.	Shadblow Serviceberry- 'straight species', 'White Pillar'	Yes	X	X	38
Amelanchier laevis & cvs.	Allegheny Serviceberry- 'straight species', 'Cumulus', 'Majestic'	Yes	X	X	130
Amelanchier x grandiflora & cvs	Serviceberry- 'straight species', 'Autumn Brilliance', 'Robin Hill'	No	X	X	50
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Yes	Х		113
Cercis chinensis	Chinese Redbud	No	Х		79
Chionanthus retusus	Chinese Fringetree	No	Х		113
Chionanthus virginicus	White Fringetree	Yes	Х	Х	79
Cornus mas	Corneliancherry Dogwood	No	Х	X	50
Cornus x rutgeriensis & cvs	Flowering Dogwood- 'Rutban', 'Rutcan', 'Rutdan', 'Rutgan'	No			124
Cotinus coggygria & cvs.	Royal Purple Smoketree	No		Х	79
Halesia tetraptera & cvs.	Carolinia Silverbell- 'Rosea'	No	Х		79
Hamamelis virginiana	Common Witchhazel	Yes		Х	113
Laburnum x watereri & cvs.	Goldenchain Tree	No			96
Lagerstroemia indica & cvs.	Crapemyrtle	No	Х		50
Magnolia liliiflora & cvs.	Magnolia- 'Ann', 'Betty', 'Galaxy', 'Jane'	No		Х	28
Magnolia stellata & cvs.	Star Magnolia- 'Royal Star', 'Waterlily'	No			38
Magnolia virginiana & cvs.	Sweet Bay Magnolia	Yes	Х		79
Magnolia x loebneri & cvs.	Loebner Magnolia- 'Ballerina', 'Leonard Messel', 'Merrill'	No			87
Magnolia x soulangiana & cvs.	Saucer Magnolia- 'Alexandrina', 'Jane', 'Verbanica'	No			79
Malus & cvs.	Crabapple- 'Indian Summer', 'Narragansett', 'Pink Spires', 'Prairiefire', 'Red Baron', 'Snowdrift', 'Sutyzarr'	No	Х		113
Malus sargentii	Sargent Crabappple	No		Х	41
Parrotia persica	Persian Parrotia	No	Х		132
Prunus persica & cvs.	Flowering Peach- 'Corinthian Mauve', 'Corinthian Rose'	No	Х		50
Stewartia malacodendron	Silky Camellia	No			79
Stewartia ovata	Mountain Stewartia	No			50
Stewartia pseudocamellia	Japanese Stewartia	No			50
Syringa reticulata & cvs.	Japanese Tree Lilac- 'Ivory Silk', 'Regent'	No	Х		50
Ulmus x hollandica & cvs.	Dutch Elm - 'Jacqueline Hillier'	No			177

Evergreen (Screening) and Ornamental Evergreen Trees (20'-70')						
Abies concolor	White or Concolor Fir	No		Х	50	
Cedrus atlantica & cvs.	Blue Atlas Cedar	No		Х	50	
Cedrus deodara	Deodar Cedar	No		X	79	
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana & cvs.	Lawson's Cypress	No		X	50	
Chamaecyparis thyoides & cvs.	Atlantic White Cedar	No		Х	38	
Cryptomeria japonica & cvs.	Cryptomeria- 'Black Dragon', 'Yoshino', 'Ben Franklin'	No		X	50	
Cupressocyparis x leylandii	Leyland Cypress	No		X	79	
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Ilex verticillata & cvs.

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Evergreen (Screening) and Ornamental Eve	rgreen Trees (20'-70') (cont.)				
Ilex opaca & cvs.	American Holly	Yes		Х	38
Ilex x aquipernyi & cvs.	Perny Holly- 'San Jose', 'Dragon Lady'	No		X	69
Ilex x attenuata & cvs.	Foster Holly- 'Fosteri'	No		X	50
Ilex x Nellie R. Stevens'	Nellie R. Stevens Holly	No		X	64
Juniperus chinensis	Chinese Juniper	No	Х	X	50
Juniperus virginiana & cvs.	Eastern Red Cedar	Yes	Х	Х	20
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia	No		X	154
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	No		X	113
Picea glauca	White Spruce	No		X	79
Picea omorika	Serbian Spruce	No	X	X	20
Picea pungens var. glauca	Colorado Blue Spruce	No		X	10
Pinus bungeana	Lacebark Pine	No			50
Pinus cembra	Swiss Stone Pine	No			41
Pinus densiflora	Japanese Red Pine	No			128
Pinus echinata	Shortleaf Pine	Yes			113
Pinus flexilis	Limber Pine	No		X	41
Pinus nigra & cvs.	Austrian Pine	No		Х	79
Pinus parviflora & cvs.	Japanese White Pine	No		Х	106
Pinus pungens	Table Mountain Pine	Yes			79
Pinus taeda	Loblolly Pine	Yes		Х	113
Pinus thunbergiana	Japanese Black Pine	No		Х	79
Pinus virginiana	Virginia pine	Yes			113
Platycladus orientalis & cvs.	Oriental Arborvitae- 'Berckman's', 'Bonita'	No	Х	Х	20
Quercus virginiana	Live Oak	No			177
Taxus baccata	English Yew	No		Х	38
Thuja occidentalis & cvs.	Eastern Arborvitae or Northern White Cedar- 'Emerald', 'Nigra', 'Techny'	Yes	Х	Х	20
Thuja plicata & cvs.	Giant Arborvitae- 'Atrovirens', 'Green Giant'	No	X	Х	7
Evergreen and Semi-Evergreen Shrubs (3'-1	l5')				
Abelia x grandiflora & cvs.	Glossy Abelia - 'Edward Goucher'	No	Х	Х	14
Berberis canadensis	American Barberry	No			5
Berberis verruculosa	Warty Barberry	No		Х	5
Berberis x gladwynensis	Barberry - 'William Penn'	No		Х	3
Buxus sempervirens & cvs.	American and Dwarf English Boxwood- 'Myer's', 'Graham Blandy', 'Suffruticosa'	No		Х	11
Buxus & cvs.	Boxwood - 'Green Mountain', 'Green Velvet'	No	Х	Х	10
Cotoneaster salicifolius	Willowleaf Cotoneaster	No		Х	22
Daphne odora & cvs.	Fragrant Daphne	No			10
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Inkberry Holly - 'Compacta', 'Nigra', 'Shamrock'

Winterberry Holly - 'Harvest Red', 'Late Male', 'Red Sprite', 'Winter Red', 'Sparkleberry'



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Evergreen and Semi-Evergreen Shrubs (3	'-15') (cont.)				
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon, Cassin holly	No		X	64
Juniperus communis & cvs.	Common Juniper	Yes		X	55
Kalmia latifolia & cvs.	Mountain Laurel	Yes		X	28
Leucothoe axillaris & cvs.	Coastal Doghobble	No			28
Leucothoe fontanesiana & cvs.	Drooping Leucothoe, Fetterbush	Yes		X	11
Mahonia aquifolium	Oregon Hollygrape	No		X	2
Morella cerifera & cvs.	Southern Wax Myrtle	No	X	X	44
Morella pensylvanica	Northern Bayberry	No	Х	X	18
Osmanthus x fortunei	Fortune's Osmanthus	No		X	99
Photinia x fraseri & cvs.	Fraser Photinia	No	X	X	20
Pieris floribunda	Mountain Pieris	Yes		X	14
Pieris japonica & cvs.	Japanese Pieris - 'Dorothy Wycoff', 'Mountain Fire', 'Snowdrift', 'Valentine'	No		X	36
Pinus mugo	Mugo Dwarf Mountain Pine	No		X	92
Prunus laurocerasus & cvs.	Cherry Laurel - 'Otto Luyken', 'Schipkaensis'	No		X	10
Rhododendron atlanticum & cvs.	Dwarf Azalea	No			10
Rhododendron x PJM	Broadleaf Azalea - 'PJM'	No		X	13
Rhododendron catawbiense & cvs.	Catawba Azalea - 'Roseum Elegans'	Yes		X	18
Rhododendron maximum	Great Rhododendron	Yes		X	28
Rhododendron periclymenoides	Wild Azalea	Yes		X	20
Rhododendron prinophyllum	Roseshell Azalea	Yes		X	20
Rhododendron viscosum	Swamp Azalea	Yes			13
Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis	Dwarf Himalayan Sweet Box	No			10
Sarcococca ruscifolia	Sweet Box	No			6
Skimmia japonica	Japanese Skimmia	No			6
Vaccinium arboreum	Farkleberrry	No		X	64
Viburnum x burkwoodii	Burkwood Viburnum	No		X	22
Viburnum x pragense	Prague Viburnum	No		X	44
Viburnum x rhytidophylloides & cvs.	Lantanphyllum Viburnum	No		X	64
Viburnum utile & cvs.	Viburnum- 'Conoy'	No			18
Deciduous Shrubs (3'-30')					
Aesculus parviflora	Bottlebrush Buckeye	No			36
Aesculus navea	Ped Buckeye	No	 	Y	270

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Aesculus parviflora	Bottlebrush Buckeye	No		36
Aesculus pavea	Red Buckeye	No	X	279
Alnus serrulata	Smooth Alder	Yes		113
Aralia spinosa	Devil's Walking-stick	Yes		44
Aronia arbutifolia & cvs.	Red Chokeberry- 'straight species', 'Brilliantissima'	Yes	X	7
Aronia melanocarpa	Black Chokeberry	Yes	X	13
Aronia prunifolia	Purple Chokeberry	Yes	X	28
Callicarpa americana	American Beautyberry	No		20



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Deciduous Shrubs (3'-30') (cont.)	<u> </u>				
Calycanthus floridus	Common Sweetshrub or Carolina Allspice	Yes			26
Caryopteris x clandonensis & cvs.	Blue Mist Shrub- 'Longwood Blue'	No			10
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey tea	Yes			20
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	Yes			9
Clethra alnifolia & cvs.	Sweet Pepperbush- 'straight species', 'Hummingbird', 'Rosea', 'Ruby Spice', 'September Beauty'	No			16
Cornus racemosa	Gray Dogwood	Yes		Х	64
Cornus sericea & cvs.	Red-twig Dogwood- 'Bailey's', 'Cardinal', 'Flaviramea', 'Yellowtwig'	No		Х	72
Corylus americana	American Hazelnut	Yes		Х	22
Cotoneaster apiculatus	Cranberry Cotoneaster	No		Х	7
Cotoneaster horizontalis	Rockspray Cotoneaster	No		Х	10
Deutzia gracilis & cvs.	Slender Deutzia- 'Nikko'	No	Х		10
Enkianthus campanulatus	Redvein Enkianthus	No			56
Forsythia x intermedia & cvs.	Forsythia- 'Lynwood', 'Spectabilis', 'Spring Glory'	No	Х	Х	16
Fothergilla gardenii	Dwarf Fothergilla	No			3
Fothergilla major	Large Fothergilla	No			20
Gavlussacia baccata	Black Huckleberry	Yes			79
Hamamelis x 'intermedia' & cvs.	Witchhazel- 'Arnold Promise', 'Diana', 'Winter Beauty'	No			64
Hamamelis mollis	Chinese Witchhazel	No			23
Hamamelis vernalis	Vernal or Ozark Witchhazel	No			77
Hamamelis virginiana	Witchhazel	Yes			113
Hydrangea guercifolia & cvs.	Oakleaf Hydrangea- 'straight species', 'Alice', 'Snowqueen', 'Ellen Huff'	No			16
Hypericum densiflorum	Bushy St. Johnswort	Yes	Х		6
Hypericum kalmianum & cvs.	St. Johnswort- 'Gemo'	No	X		6
Hypericum prolificum	Shrubby St. Johnswort	Yes	Х		10
Ilex decidua	Possumhaw	Yes		Х	41
Itea virginica & cvs.	Virginia Sweetspire - 'Henry's Garnet'	No			64
Jasminum nudiflorum	Winter Jasmine	No	Х		10
Kerria japonica	Japanese Kerria	No			72
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush	Yes			23
Physocarpus opulifolius	Common Ninebark	Yes		Х	20
Potentilla fruticosa & cvs.	Cinquefoil- 'straight species', 'Abbotswood', 'Gold Drop', 'Goldfinger', 'McKay's White'	No	Х		7
Prunus x cistena	Purpleleaf Sand Cherry	No		Х	28
Rhododendron canescens	Mountain Azalea	No			35
Rhododendron cumberlandense	Cumberland Azalea	No			13
Rhus aromatica & cvs.	Fragrant Sumac- 'straight species', 'Low-Gro'	Yes	Х		33
Rhus copallinum	Winged Sumac	Yes	X		289
Rhus glabra	Smooth Sumac	Yes	X	İ	64
Rhus typhina	Stachorn Sumac Stachorn Sumac	Yes	X	İ	254
Rosa carolina	Pasture or Carolina rose	Yes			27



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Deciduous Shrubs (3'-30') (cont.)					
Rosa palustris	Swamp Rose	Yes			27
Rosa virginiana	Virginia Rose	No			27
Rubus allegheniensis	Allegheny Blackberry	Yes		X	13
Rubus occidentalis	Black Raspberry	Yes			28
Rubus odoratus	Purple Flowered Raspberry	Yes			50
Sambucus canadensis	Black Elderberry	Yes	X	X	50
Sambucus racemosa	Red Elderberry	Yes		X	50
Spiraea alba var. alba	Narrowleaf Meadowsweet	Yes			13
Spiraea alba var. latifolia	Broadleaf Meadowsweet	Yes			13
Spiraea corymbosa & cvs.	Dwarf or Birch Leaved Spiraea- 'straight species', 'Tor'	Yes			13
Spiraea nipponica & cvs.	Spirea- 'Snowmound'	No			7
Spiraea x bumalda	Bumalda Spiraea	No			41
Spiraea x vanhouttei	Vanhoutte Spiraea	No			41
Syringa meyeri & cvs.	Compact Meyer Lilac- 'Palibin'	No		Х	44
Syringa patula & cvs.	Manchurian Lilac- 'Miss Kim'	No		X	20
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry	Yes			18
Viburnum acerifolium	Mapleleaf Viburnum	Yes			9
Viburnum cassinoides	Northern Wild Raisin	Yes			28
Viburnum dentatum & cvs.	Arrowwood Viburnum- 'straight species', 'Chicago Lustre'	Yes	X	X	31
Viburnum lantanoides	Hobblebush	Yes			113
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry Viburnum	No		X	64
Viburnum nudum & cvs.	Southern Wild Raisin or Possum-haw - 'straight species', 'Winterthur'	Yes	X	Х	28
Viburnum opulus & cvs.	European Cranberrybush- 'Roseum'	No		Х	72
Viburnum prunifolium	Blackhaw Viburnum	Yes	X	X	64
Viburnum trilobum	American Cranberrybush	No		X	50
Viburnum x carlcephalum & cvs.	Fragrant Viburnum- 'Cayuga'	No		X	28
Viburnum x juddii	Judd Viburnum	No		X	38
Weigela florida	Weigela	No		X	50