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PLANT SELECTION

GUIDE



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- SHRUBS -

SWEET SHRUB - CALYCANTHUS FLORIDUS



Description: Deciduous shrub; Native; leaves opposite, simple, smooth margined, oblong; flowers axillary, with many brown-maroon, strap-like petals, aromatic; brown seeds enclosed in an elongated, fibrous sac. Sometimes called "Sweet Bubba" or "Sweet Bubby".

Height: 6-9 ft.

Width: 6-12 ft.

Exposure: Sun to partial shade; range of soil types

SASANQUA CAMELLIA - CAMELLIA SASANQUA



Comment: Evergreen. Drought tolerant

Height: 6-10 ft.

Width: 5-7 ft.

Flower: 2-3 in. single or double white, pink or red flowers in fall

Site: Sun to partial shade; prefers acidic, moist, well-drained soil high in organic matter

YAUPON HOLLY - ILEX VOMITORIA



Description: Evergreen shrub or small tree; Native; leaves alternate, simple, elliptical, shallowly toothed; flowers axillary, small, white; fruit a red or rarely yellow berry

Height: 15-20 ft. (if allowed to grow without heavy pruning)

Width: 10-20 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; tolerates a range of soil types (dry, moist)

LOROPETALUM 'ZHUZHOU' - LOROPETALUM CHINENSE 'ZHUZHOU'



Description: Evergreen; It has a loose, slightly open habit and a roughly rounded to vase-shaped form with a medium-fine texture.

Height: 10-15 ft.

Width: 10-15ft.

Site: Preferred growing conditions include sun to partial shade (especially afternoon shade) and moist, well-drained, acidic soil with plenty of organic matter

JAPANESE TERNSTROEMIA - TERNSTROEMIA GYMNANTHERA



Comment: Evergreen; Salt spray tolerant; often sold as *Cleyera japonica*; can be severely pruned. Form is upright oval to rounded; densely branched.

Height: 8-10 ft.

Width: 5-6 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; prefers moist, well-drained soil; may winter burn in full sun; does not tolerate poorly drained soils

CHINESE SNOWBALL VIBURNUM - *VIBURNUM MACROCEPHALUM*



Description: Deciduous to semi-evergreen ; Vase-shaped; rounded, dense shrub

Height: 6-15 ft.

Width: 10-12 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; moist, acidic, well-drained soil

- SMALL TREES -

DOWNY SERVICEBERRY - AMELANCHIER ARBOREA



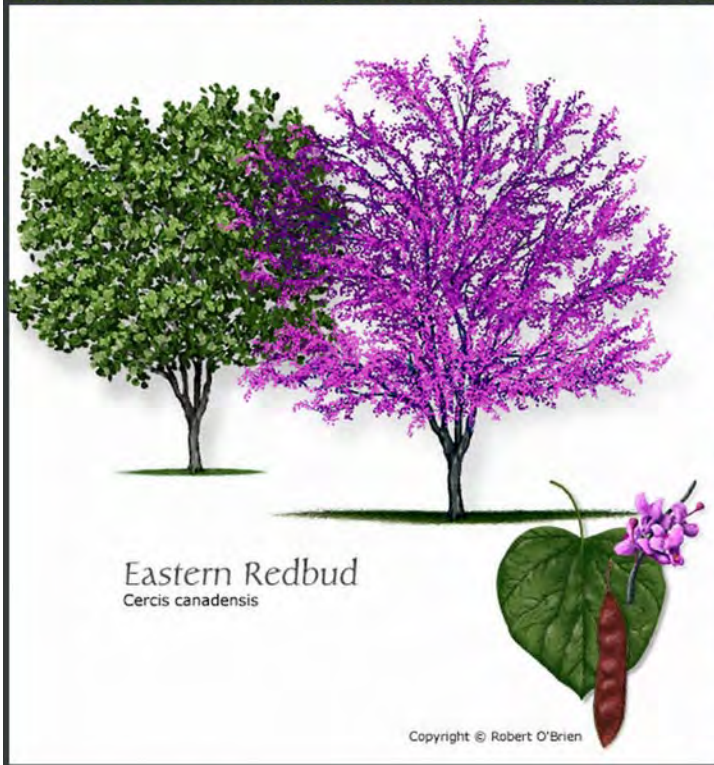
Comment: Deciduous; Native; fruit attracts birds; smooth, gray bark, produces the largest fruit of any serviceberry.

Height: 10-25 ft.

Width: 10-15 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; prefers moist soil but will tolerate a range of soil types (dry, clay, sand, wet)

FOREST PANSY REDBUD - *CERCIS CANADENSIS*



Comment: Deciduous; Native to NC and possesses characteristically cordate green leaves that turn yellow to yellowish-orange in the fall.

Height: 20-30 ft.

Width: 25.35 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; prefers moist, well-drained soil but will tolerate a range of soil types.

NATIVE DOGWOOD - CORNUS FLORIDA



Comment: Deciduous; Berries attract birds and squirrels; shallow root system; maroon to red fall foliage; shallow root system; native; mulch to maintain moist soil; subject to anthracnose disease if grown in western NC with high humidity, poor air circulation, and heavy shade

Height: 15-30 ft.

Width: 15-20 ft.

Site: best form and flowers in light shade

JAPANESE MAPLE - ACER PALMATUM



Comment: Deciduous; Young leaves are sensitive to frost; not drought tolerant; most cultivars are grafted; can be grown as single or multistemmed small tree; may suffer leaf scorch with excess sun, wind, or drought.

Height: 15-25 ft.

Width: 10-25 ft.

Site: Light, dappled shade; evenly moist, well-drained soil; protect from drying winds

SIoux GRAPE MYRTLE - *LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA* 'SIoux'



Comment: Deciduous; Smooth to exfoliating bark; best to prune off seed pods to promote reblooming

Height: 15-30 ft.

Width: 6-15 ft.

Site: Sun; moist, well drained soil

STAR MAGNOLIA - MAGNOLIA STELLATA



Comment: Deciduous; Earliest of the deciduous magnolias to flower; frost sensitive; plant in protected site; tolerates heat.

Height: 10-20 ft.

Width: 10-15 ft.

Site: Sun; range of soil types (clay, sand)

STEWARTIA, SILKY CAMELLIA - STEWARTIA MALACODENDRON



Comment: Deciduous; Native; Lightly striped cinnamon colored bark; fertilize sparingly; slow grower; glossy green leaves; transplant only young plants in late winter or early spring.

Height: 10-15 ft.

Width: 10-15 ft.

Site: Partial shade; well drained soil; dislikes wet feet

- MEDIUM TREES -

RIVER BIRCH - BETULA NIGRA



Comment: Deciduous; Multi-trunk is desired; native; graceful branching; easy to transplant; best not to prune in spring- sap "bleeds"; heat tolerant; cinnamon brown, exfoliating bark; may drop some leaves during dry weather; seeds attract birds

Height: 40-70 ft.

Width: 40-60 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil; will tolerate damp soil

Kousa Dogwood - CORNUS KOUSA



Comment: Deciduous; 2-4 in. white tapered bracts; flowers appear after leaves; blooms about 2-3 weeks.

Height: 20-30 ft.

Width: 15-20 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; well-drained soil

LITTLE GEM MAGNOLIA - MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA 'LITTLE GEM'



Comment: Evergreen; Dwarf cultivar of Southern magnolia; Should not be planted directly under powerlines.

Height: 15-20 ft.

Width: 8-10 ft.

Site: Full Sun

SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA - MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA



Comment: Evergreen to semi-evergreen; Underside of leaf is blue-white to silvery; smooth bark; narrow, rounded crown; shallow roots; multistemmed; upright spreading habit; aromatic spicy leaves and twigs; fruit attracts birds; larval food for swallowtails.

Height: 10-60 ft.

Width: 10-20 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; moist to wet soil

SOURWOOD - OXYDENDRUM ARBOREUM



Comment: Deciduous; Native; Variable fall color- brilliant to deep red; flowers used by bees and butterflies; seeds for birds.

Height: 20-30 ft.

Width: 10-15 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; well drained soil but does well in dry soil

- LARGE TREES -

GINKGO - GINKGO BILOBA



Comment: Deciduous; plant male trees, yellow leaves fall rapidly in fall; drought, heat, air pollution, and salt tolerant; easy to transplant; long-lived.

Height: 40-70 ft.

Width: 20-40 ft.

Site: Sun; range of soil types except wet soil

AMERICAN BEECH - FAGUS GRANDIFOLIA



Comment: Deciduous; Native; large tree with very dense shade; shallow roots; difficult to grow plants underneath; nuts attract birds and squirrels.

Height: 50-80 ft.

Width: 40-60 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; moist, well drained soil

RED MAPLE - ACER RUBRUM



Comment: Deciduous; Naturally occurs in low wet sites; some air pollution tolerance; one of the first trees to show fall color; wide variation due to seedlings; easy to transplant.

Height: 40-60 ft.

Width: 25-45 ft.

Site: Sun to shade; range of soil types

SUGAR MAPLE - ACER SACCHARUM



Comment: Deciduous; Does not do well in a restricted root zone situation; tolerates shade better than most maples; leaf scorch may develop with drought; moderate pollution tolerance.

Height: 50-75 ft.

Width: 30-45 ft.

Site: Sun to partial shade; prefers evenly moist, well-drained soil

NUTTALL OAK - QUERCUS NUTTALLI



Comment: Evergreen or deciduous trees; leaves alternate and simple, variously shaped in different species; pollen flowers in drooping, elongated clusters.

Height: 40-60 ft.

Width: 40-60 ft.

Site: Sun; range of soil types including wet soil

RED OAK - QUERCUS RUBRA



Comment: Evergreen or deciduous trees; leaves alternate and simple, variously shaped in different species; pollen flowers in drooping, elongated clusters.

Height: 60-75 ft.

Width: 60-75 ft.

Site: Sun; well drained soil; tolerates drought and air pollution

WHITE OAK - QUERCUS ALBA



Comment: Deciduous or Evergreen; Native; avoid planting near paved areas; does not withstand construction damage well; difficult to transplant; drought tolerant; strong wood; acorns eaten by birds and squirrels.

Height: 60-100 ft.

Width: 50-90 ft.

Site: Sun; prefers moist, well drained soil but tolerates a range of soil types including clay

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