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Evergreen or deciduous trees around pools? We suggest both! Here's why.

When buying a tree it is more important to select the right tree based on location, soil and position rather than if it is evergreen or deciduous. The same applies for around a pool too. Here's why.



Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Tuscarora' CREPE MYRTLE (HOT PINK)

This deciduous tree has small oval shaped green leaves which turn a stunning reddish/orange in autumn. The most striking part of the tree is the beautiful display of vibrant, hot pink, crinkled flowers which appear in late summer. Flowers form on new growth, and so are encouraged by winter pruning. Bark peels off to reveal a smooth trunk which is beige in colour with red-brown streaks.



Ginkgo biloba MAIDENHAIR TREE

This is a very slow growing and long-lived, deciduous tree with a large and elegant habit. Considered quite an ancient tree, it is known to have origins dating back to Jurassic times and is often referred to as a living fossil. Specimens exist in its native origin, China which are estimated to be over 1000 years old. It has unique, double-lobed, fanshaped leaves with veins which spread from the stalk of the leaf. Short catkins are produced, followed by yellow fruit and the foliage is a rich green, which turns a golden yellow in autumn.



Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimmzam' CIMMARON ASH

This is a striking feature tree which provides great summer shade. It has a uniform branch structure with bark which becomes deeply furrowed as it matures. Attractive dark green foliage is lighter on the underside and transitions through an array of colours starting with yellows, orange, fiery reds and rich burgundy as the weather cools in autumn. The leaves hold onto the tree longer into winter than other varieties of this species.



Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis 'Shademaster' GREEN HONEY LOCUST

This is a beautiful, large, fast growing, deciduous tree with a broad, open, spreading canopy and weeping / pendulous branches. The dark to mid-green bipinnate leaves turn a rich yellow in Autumn, hanging gracefully from the tree well into the season. It is a popular selection for streetscapes and parks and a great choice for a feature shade tree in a larger garden. This is a thornless variety of Gleditsia.



Pyrus ussuriensis MANCHURIAN ORNAMENTAL PEAR

This Manchurian Pear is a very popular selection largely due to the brilliant display of colour in Autumn. The dark green foliage is oval in shape with serrated edges and the onset of Autumn sees this leaves turning to a rich, dark red. Wider spreading than the 'Capital' or 'Cleveland Select', this form has a dense, rounded habit maturing to be a broad, medium-sized tree. Very early flowering, dark brown buds begin to open revealing a light pink colour before bursting into a beautiful spring show of white flowers. Small fruits follow the flowers, and although they are generally unpalatable to humans, birds and other wildlife have been known to feed off them.



Pistacia chinensis CHINESE PISTACHIO

This lovely small, deciduous tree has a moderate growth rate and great autumn colour in shades of orange, yellow and red. Bark is dark grey with shallow furrows and this variety is capable of withstanding relatively harsh conditions. Interesting pinnate leaves emerge green and leathery and although inconspicuous, clusters of small white flowers are borne in summer, followed by red drupes which mature to blue.

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