

Ready Now Selections for Spring Bloom

Looking forward to warmer, sunnier days? So are we! It's a lovely time of the year to get excited about new growth. Here we focus on choice selections that provide beautiful bloom for this time of year. Let's appreciate the season.



Cercis canadensis **EASTERN REDBUD**

This striking tree has beautiful, broad heart-shaped green leaves which turn yellow in autumn. Often multi-trunked, the branches have a distinctive zigzag growth habit. Blossom like flowers appear from late winter to early spring, starting off as deep red coloured buds and opening to pink. In summer, long, flat leguminous seedpods develop and can hang onto the tree until winter.



Cercis siliquastrum **THE JUDAS TREE**

This is an attractive, small deciduous tree with rounded, heart shaped leaves. In spring, clusters of pea-like flowers appear along the branches and trunk. These flowers are pink in colour and appear early in spring, before the foliage and are followed by long, flat, deep purple pods which hang decoratively throughout the tree.



Liriodendron tulipifera **TULIP TREE**

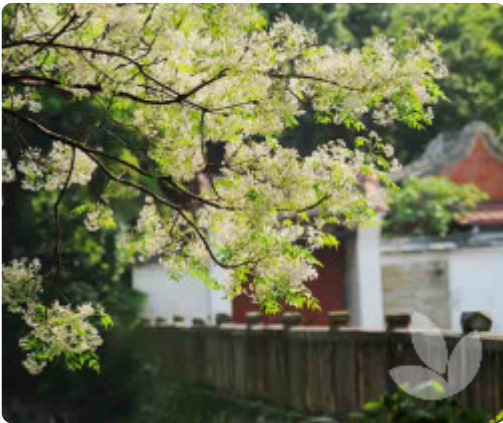
This is a beautiful tall tree with large leaves that have a lovely shape and smooth soft texture. It has striking yellowish-green flowers decorated with flecks of orange in spring. The flowers are solitary and sit in the extreme upper-most branches, resembling tulips, hence the common-name reference to the tulip tree.



Malus tschonoskii

UPRIGHT CRAB APPLE

This is a strongly upright growing deciduous tree with good autumn colour. It is also a good alternative to an Ornamental Pear. Dark green ovate leaves are slightly hairy. White flowers with a pink flush are followed by green fruit with a red tinge. Brilliant colours of yellow, red and burgundy are present in the autumn months.



Melia azedarach

WHITE CEDAR, CHINA BERRY

This tree is one of the few deciduous Australian natives. It is fast growing with a rounded crown and dense leaf covering, making it a good choice for a deciduous shade tree. Glossy new foliage emerges in spring along with clusters of showy, fragrant, lilac flowers followed by hard, yellow to pale orange bead-like fruits which hang on the tree well into autumn after the leaves have fallen. Lovely autumn colour.



Malus yunnanensis 'Wychwood Ruby'

CRAB APPLE

With rich ruby new growth and double ruby pink blooms in spring, this small tree would make a beautiful feature in a small garden or tight spot.



Prunus serrulata 'Cheals Weeping (Weeping Standard)'

This old Japanese weeping cherry is a prolific flowering. Spring sees the pendulous branches covering themselves with a show-stopping display of clear, rose pink double blooms. It is highly ornamental, right down to its shiny, coppery coloured peeling bark. New foliage emerges a bronze colour, changing to green into the warmer months turning to gold, orange and red hues in autumn.



Prunus yedoensis x subhirtella 'Snofozam'

SNOW MOUNTAINS WEEPING CHERRY

A prolific bloomer and beautiful Autumn colour all in one compact tree! This variety of grafted Weeping Cherry has a strong weeping habit. Spring offers masses of white flower clusters which cover the pendulous branches before the reddish-bronze new growth begins to emerge. Through the warmer months, the serrated foliage turns green and by autumn another beautiful display of colour can be seen in shades of orange, gold and red.



Prunus serrulata 'Shirotae' (Tree Form)

'MT FUJI' ORNAMENTAL CHERRY (TREE FORM)

A very popular feature tree for small gardens. This deciduous, ornamental cherry develops a spreading flat crown with branches that droop down slightly. A beautiful display of pure white, semi double blossoms cover the tree in early to mid-spring, followed by finely serrated, pale green leaves which darken to mid green over the warmer months. Autumn brings another display of colour with foliage turning shades of orange and red. A beautiful specimen tree throughout the seasons.



Prunus lusitanica

EVERGREEN PRUNUS, PORTUGUESE LAUREL

This is a very hardy evergreen shrub or small tree. Its dense habit lends itself well to hedging and screening and as it responds well to pruning, it is even ideal as a large standard. Bark is blackish-brown and the leaves are glossy, dark green and oval in shape, with new growth being lime green in colour. Small white flower heads decorate the tree in spring followed by cherry-like fruits which are green or reddish green at first, and turn dark purple or black as they ripen in late summer or early autumn.

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