

Great 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.



Liriodendron tulipifera **TULIP TREE**

This is a beautiful very large tree with large leaves that have a lovely shape and smooth soft texture. It has striking orange-yellowish flowers decorated with flecks of green 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.



Melia azedarach **WHITE CEDAR, CHINA BERRY**

This is a fast-growing tree 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. It produces a lovely yellow-orange colour in Autumn.



Malus floribunda **JAPANESE CRAB APPLE**

An attractive ornamental tree that puts on an outstanding floral display in spring. White and reddish-pink flowers are in abundance over this time, making it a distinctive focal point in any garden.



Malus tschonoskii '(syn. Macromeles tschonoskii)'

PILLAR CRAB APPLE / 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.



Malus yunnanensis 'Wychwood Ruby'

WYCHWOOD RUBY CRAB APPLE

With both rich ruby red 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 persica 'Rose Charm' (weeping standard)

ROSE CHARM WEEPING ORNAMENTAL PEACH

This is a beautiful grafted tree, grown as a weeping standard. It produces long pendulous branches with semi-double rose-pink blossom. Foliage is mid-green changing to reds and yellows during autumn.



***Prunus yedoensis* x *subhirtella* 'Snofozam' (weeping standard)**

SNOW MOUNTAINS WEEPING ORNAMENTAL 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.



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.



***Prunus serrulata* 'Cheals Weeping' (weeping standard)**

CHEALS WEEPING ORNAMENTAL CHERRY

This old Japanese weeping cherry is a prolific flowerer. 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 serrulata 'Shirotae' (Tree Form)

'MT FUJI' ORNAMENTAL CHERRY (TREE FORM)

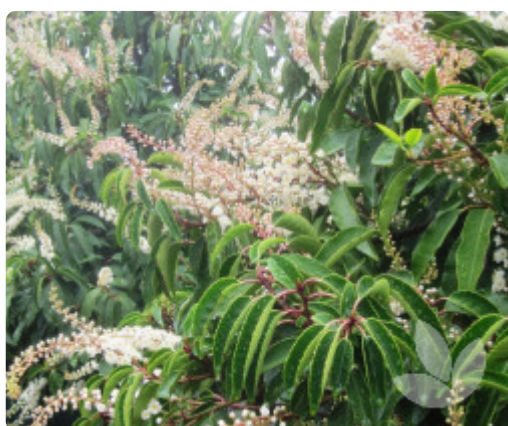
A very popular feature tree for small gardens. This deciduous, ornamental cherry develops a spreading flat crown with branches that droop down slightly. A beautiful display of pure white, semi double blossoms cover the tree in early to mid-spring, followed by finely serrated, pale green leaves which 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.



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.



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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