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Trees for a fresh point of difference

Looking for something that offers a fresh take on current trends? We'd like to recommend some underutilised trees for urban design that will set your landscape apart from others.

Arbutus unedo

IRISH STRAWBERRY TREE

This tree has an attractive red stringy bark that exposes the cream-coloured bark underneath. It has white flowers tinged with pink during Autumn and Winter but can flower longer. The flowers look like bunches of little bells. The fruits appear green and then ripen to a bright red and are edible. The dark green leaves have a decorative serrated edge making this an all round beautiful tree.

Azara microphylla

VANILLA TREE

Azara microphylla is a small evergreen tree from South America with small deep green foliage that grows in a pinnate like form on slightly pendulous branches. Small yellow flowers are borne in spring and bring with it a nice vanilla scent.

Acer buergerianum

TRIDENT MAPLE TREE

This is a small deciduous tree with ascending branches when young, maturing to a more rounded canopy. Leaves are small, triangular and tri lobed. New spring foliage is a rich bronzy-red colour maturing to a dark green in summer. In autumn foliage turns yellow to orange to red. Bark is a pale grey-brown orange and appears scaly or flaky. Flowers are green and inconspicuous.

Acer negundo 'Sensation'

SENSATION BOX ELDER TREE (MAPLE TREE)

A small to medium sized maple that has a great symmetrical shape and an upright growth habit. New leaves have a green to reddish tone autumn leaves are attractive bright red, orange and yellow tones. Bark is a greyish brown with green fresh branches.

Feijoa (syn. Acca) sellowiana

PINEAPPLE GUAVA TREE, FEIJOA TREE

This is a small evergreen fruiting tree to approximately 3m tall. It produces green-skinned fruit with a sweet, aromatic flavour, which taste like pineapple, apple and mint. As a tree, it has attractive leathery green leaves with silvery undersides and pinky-white flowers with large red stamens. Good as a contrast tree in the garden.

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