

ASHTON GARDENS

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TREE WALK

1. Flamingo Box Elder
Acer negundo 'Flamingo'
Leaves have 3-5 individual leaflets, deep green in center with white edges, bright pink color on new growth. Rounded form. Male or female plants. Yellow fall color.
20' tall x 20' wide
Zones 2-8
2. Corkscrew Willow
Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa'
Specimen tree. Curly, twisted branches popular in floral arrangements. Best in large, open spaces. Brittle wood. More drought tolerant than many willows.
30' tall x 30' wide
Zones 4-8
3. Royal Raindrops Crabapple
Malus 'Royal Raindrops'
Magenta-pink flowers in early spring. Beautiful purple foliage. Persistent small, red fruits which are attractive to birds during the winter months. Good for small spaces.
20' tall x 15' wide
Zones 4-8
4. Colorado Spruce
Picea pungens
Green or blue varieties. Large evergreen tree for large spaces and parks. Many good dwarf cultivars available.
60' tall x 20' wide
Zones 2-7
5. Accolade Elm
Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana 'Morton'
Fast-growing, hybrid elm that is resistant to Dutch elm disease. Glossy, dark-green leaves with good yellow fall color. Generally tolerant of urban conditions, and adaptable to wet and dry soils.
50' tall x 30' wide
Zones 5-8

6. Bur Oak

Quercus macrocarpa

Large, majestic oak with a broad, spreading crown. Acorns are large with a furry cap and are an important food source for wildlife. Prefers well-drained soils but is adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions.

70' tall x 60' wide

Zones 3-8

7. Lavalley Hawthorn

Crataegus x lavalleyi

Small, irregular, vase-shaped tree with large, white flower clusters in spring. Flowers produce shiny, small, orange-red persistent fruit in fall that are attractive to birds. Bright, glossy-green leaves turn bronze in fall. Good for small spaces, adaptable to most growing conditions.

15'-30' tall x 10-15' wide

Zones 4-8

8. Sycamore or London Planetree

Platanus x acerfolia

Unique smooth, exfoliating gray-green bark. Very hardy. Valuable shade tree tolerant of urban conditions. Maple-like leaves. Easily identified by round, spiky seed pods.

60' tall x 60' wide

Zones 4-8

9. European Beech

Fagus sylvatica

Large, dense, oval to rounded tree native to central and southern Europe. Prefers well-drained soils in full sun; intolerant of wet soils. Beechnuts ripen in fall and are edible. Fine specimen tree for a large space.

50' tall x 40' wide

Zones 4-7

10. Common Horsechestnut

Aesculus hippocastanum

Large tree with beautiful white panicles of flowers in spring. Palmate leaves with 5-7 leaflets. Nuts are inedible.

50' tall x 40' wide

Zones 3-8

11. Greenspire Linden

Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'

Ornamental and reliable shade tree. Tolerates varied soils. Excellent for windy areas. Dense, uniform crown. Green leaves with yellow fall color.

50' tall x 35' wide

Zones 3-7

12. Camperdown Elm

Ulmus glabra 'Camperdownii'

Weeping specimen tree with unique umbrella shape. Noticeable graft where the Camperdown cultivar is grafted onto an American elm standard.

25' tall x 20' wide

Zones 4-6

13. Purple Fountain Beech

Fagus sylvatica 'Purple Fountain'

Purple, glossy, rounded leaves with cascading branches. Strong upright form.

20' tall x 25' wide

Zones 4-6

14. Imperial Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos var. *inermis* 'Imperial'

Rounded, spreading form. Tolerant of a wide range of soils, wind, heat, drought, and saline conditions.

Attractive yellow fall color. Provides filtered shade.

60' tall x 40' wide

Zones 3-8

15. Louisa Crabapple

Malus 'Louisa'

Small, broad-weeping tree with fragrant pink flowers in spring. Fruits are small, yellow with a rose blush that persist into winter, and are attractive to birds. Glossy dark-green foliage.

15' tall x 15' wide

Zones 4-8

16. Himalayan Birch

Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii*

White, paper-like bark. Pendulous catkins in spring. Best of the white birches for Utah.

30' tall x 18' wide

Zones 4-7

17. Cutleaf Weeping Birch

Betula pendula 'Lacinata'

Tall, slender, white barked tree. Drooping branches with deeply cut leaves. Golden fall color. Very cold tolerant, but not heat tolerant.

40' tall x 20' wide

Zones 2-7

18. Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress

Taxodium distichum 'Mickelson'

Large, hardy, conifer that loses its needles each winter and grows a new set in the spring (deciduous conifer). Beautiful red fall color. Adapts to dry, wet, and even swampy soil. This cultivar is narrowly pyramidal, and good for smaller spaces.

50' tall x 20' wide

Zones 4-11

19. Lacebark Elm

Ulmus parvifolia

Medium-sized with rounded form. Excellent shade or specimen tree. Beautiful exfoliating, multicolored bark.

40' tall x 25' wide

Zones 4-9

20. Canada Red Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'

Irregular, rounded crown. Fragrant white panicles of flowers in spring. New growth emerges lime green and matures to purple. Can be single or multi-stemmed. Tolerates heat, cold, wind, and poor soil.

25' tall x 15' wide

Zones 2-10

21. Galaxy Magnolia

Magnolia x 'Galaxy'

Profusion of stunning, large, reddish-purple flowers on bare stems in early spring, followed by bright green leaves. Handsome, sturdy, and upright with a narrow crown of upward-reaching branches. Excellent specimen tree.

30' tall x 15' wide

Zones 5-9

22. Paperbark Maple

Acer griseum

Small ornamental tree. Popular for bonsai. Exfoliating reddish-brown bark. Showy orange to red fall color.

20' tall x 15' wide

Zones 4-8

23. Swamp Oak

Quercus bicolor

Medium sized with broad, rounded form. Best oak for wet soils. Persistent brown leaves in winter. Will retain dead leaves on branches in winter.

50' tall x 50' wide

Zones 3-8

24. Princeton Sentry Ginkgo

Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'

Fan shaped leaves. Excellent tree tolerant of a wide range of soil and environmental conditions. Found in the fossil record along with the dinosaurs. Bright yellow fall color.

40' tall x 20' wide

Zones 3-8

25. Dawn Redwood

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

Deciduous conifer. Soft, fern-like needles. Light green in spring to deep green in summer, and red-bronze in fall. Bare in the winter. Believed extinct, it was rediscovered in China in 1944.

70' tall x 15' wide

Zones 4-8

26. Threadleaf Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Filiformis'

Prefers neutral to alkaline soils. Best in full sun. Dense, conical, single-trunked evergreen. Exfoliating red-brown bark. Long, threadlike, weeping branchlets. Excellent accent plant.

20' tall x 15' wide

Zones 2-7

27. Contorted Mulberry

Morus australis 'Unryu'

Unusual but attractive addition to any garden. Excellent winter interest due to contorted stems, often used in floral arrangements. Fruitless. Light green, glossy, heart-shaped leaves.

20' tall x 25' wide

Zones 4-8

28. Hedge Maple

Acer campestre

Dense, fine-textured, rounded and low-branching maple that is great for small yards, patios, and other small spaces. Tolerates shearing.

25' tall x 25' wide

Zones 5-8

29. Forest Pansy Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'

Rosy pink flowers on bare branches in spring. Large green heart-shaped leaves which mature to purple. Great small accent tree for borders, patios, and street trees. Tends to be short-lived.

20' tall x 25' wide

Zones 5-9

30. Columnar English Oak

Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'

Dense, narrow, upright form of English oak. Moderately-fast growth rate. Needs pruning to keep the narrow form. Retains dead leaves on branches in winter.

50' tall x 15' wide

Zones 5-8

31. Columnar Hornbeam

Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'

Narrow, upright form of European hornbeam. Generally, a pest-free, low-maintenance tree with strong branches. May be pruned as a hedge or used as a street tree. Dark green leaves, with yellow to orange fall color. Hard wood was used to make oxen yokes and tools.

30' tall x 20' wide

Zones 4-8

32. Degroot's Spire Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis 'Degroot's Spire'

Tall, narrow evergreen shrub good for accents, hedges, foundation plantings and rock gardens.

Twisted, scale-like, medium-green foliage with a purple cast in winter. Cold hardy.

20' tall x 5' wide

Zones 2-7

33. Green Vase Zelkova

Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'

Large, long-lived, tolerant of urban conditions and somewhat tolerant of drought. Upward-branching vase-shape. Smooth, exfoliating gray bark, with orange fall color.

60' tall x 40' wide

Zones 5-8

34. Crispa Willow

Salix babylonica 'Crispa'

Straight stems with curled or spiraled leaves. Unusual texture for landscapes. Needs regular pruning to keep in control and to remove dead wood. Weak-wooded as with other willows.

30' tall x 20' wide

Zones 4-9

35. Cork Elm

Ulmus propinqua var. *suberosa*

Slow-growing elm with thick, unique, corky bark. Shaggy stout limbs. Unusual and hard to find.

20' tall x 15' wide

Zones 5-8

36. Tatarian Maple

Acer tataricum

Small, upright spreading tree with a dense, rounded crown. Can be multi-stemmed. Tolerant of drought and high pH soils. Yellow and red fall color.

15' tall x 15' wide

Zones 3-8

37. Smooth Sumac

Rhus glabra

Multi-stemmed, smooth-barked shrub that prefers dry soils but is tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions. Good for stabilizing hillsides. Large, pinnate, dark-green leaves that turn bright red in fall. Upright brown-red flower clusters add winter interest.

15' tall x 15' wide

Zones 3-9

38. Deodar Cedar

Cedrus deodara

Large, pyramidal tree with attractive gray-green foliage and graceful, arching branches. Needs a protected area to be successful in Utah.

40' tall x 30' wide

Zones 7-8

39. Desert Willow

Chilopsis linearis

Willow-like leaves with flowers of pink to lavender, that appear in May and continue until September. Attracts hummingbirds. Tolerates drought and sandy soils.

15' tall x 15' wide

Zones 5-11

40. Morning Cloud Chitalpa

X Chitalpa tashkentensis 'Morning Cloud'

A rare intergeneric hybrid of common catalpa and desert willow. Unusual, small, fast-growing flowering accent tree. Usually multi-trunked and low-branching. Showy, large, sterile, white and lavender flowers appear almost all season. Light green, scaly bark.

20' tall x 15' wide

Zones 6-9

41. Austrian Pine

Pinus nigra

Popular large pine for landscapes. High tolerance for heat, drought, and pollution. Adaptable to a variety of soils. Difficult to grow plants under its canopy.

50' tall x 25' wide

Zones 4-7

42. Hardy Rubber Tree

Eucommia ulmoides

Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, including drought, but not poor drainage. Attractive glossy green foliage. Few pest and disease problems. Natural rubber can be extracted from the stems.

40' tall x 40' wide

Zones 4-7

43. White Shield Osage Orange

Maclura pomifera 'White Shield'

White Shield is a fruitless, mostly thornless, male cultivar. Yellow fall leaf color. Fast growing, tough, durable, and decay-resistant. Native to North America, the wood was used for bows, wagon wheels and support timbers. Drought, heat, and wind tolerant.

35' tall x 35' wide

Zones 5-9

44. Western Catalpa

Catalpa speciosa

Large, coarse-textured tree with large, heart-shaped leaves and showy white flowers in late spring. Fruit resembling large beans, hangs from branches in the fall. Popular habitat for many birds. Hardy and drought-tolerant; adaptable to most conditions. Needs a large space.

50' tall x 30' wide

Zones 4-8