

NATIVE TREES RECOMMENDED FOR MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

These trees are native to central New Jersey and have qualities to recommend them for homeowners. They are important food sources for native butterflies, birds and other wildlife. Other native trees, many of them very popular, were excluded from this list due to their susceptibility to disease

SHADE TREES		
Red maple	Acer rubrum	beautiful fall color
Sugar maple	Acer saccharum	beautiful fall color
Cherrybark or Sweet birch	Betula lenta	
River birch	Betula nigra	fast-growing, deer-resistant
Shagbark hickory	Cary ovata	slow growing, hard to transplant
American persimmon	Diospyros virginiana	needs male and female for fruit
American beech	Fagus grandifolia	consider buying a small one in a pot*
Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	
Black walnut	Juglans nigra	fast-growing; a messy tree
Eastern red cedar	Juniperus virginiana	blue berries
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	fast-growing; grows very tall
Cucumbertree	Magnolia acuminata	green flowers
Black tupelo or Sourgum	Nyssa sylvatica	beautiful fall color
White pine	Pinus strobes	grows very tall
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	for a wet spot
White oak	Quercus alba	consider buying a small one in a pot*
Swamp white oak	Quercus bicolor	grows fast for an oak; doesn't need a swamp
Chestnut oak	Quercus prinus	drought-tolerant
Post oak	Quercus stellata	
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	beautiful fall color
American basswood	Tilia Americana	sweet-smelling flowers
American elm	Ulmus Americana:	get a disease-resistant variety, eg Valley Forge

*Smaller trees are often easier to establish, though they must be protected longer from deer and rabbits.

ORNAMENTAL TREES		
Allegheny serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	beautiful flowers, but subject to apple- cedar rust
Pawpaw	Asimina triloba	large leaves; needs two trees for fruit; very deer-resistant
American hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana	beautiful fall color
Eastern redbud	Cercis Canadensis	purple flowers, drought-tolerant, usually deer-resistant
Fringe tree	Chionanthus virginicus	clouds of sweet-smelling white spring flowers
Pagoda dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	for a moist spot
Flowering dogwood	Cornus florida	get a disease-resistant variety
American holly	Ilex opaca	evergreen; male and female needed for berries
Sweetbay magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	beautiful white spring flowers
Eastern hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	tolerates dry shade
Staghorn sumac	Rhus typhina	red berries in fall and winter; spreads

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