



WHAT TREE IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR GARDEN

This is a rough guide to the right ornamental tree for your garden

Trees for clay soil

Clay soil is sticky and heavy to work with when wet, it is also as hard as concrete when dry. However you will usually find that clay soil is fairly fertile and if properly managed and drained can provide an excellent home for your tree.

Trees for dry, acid soils

Many trees are well adapted to dry, acid soil which is usually easy to work and has the advantage of being quick to warm up early in the year. The Fertility of acid soils can be improved with the addition of organic matter.

Trees for shallow soil over chalk

Chalk soils are very high lime content such as the South Downs, so can be harmful to many trees, however you must not be defeated, calcium and magnesium limestone in the wild supports a very diverse range of plants. It is best not to try and fight nature, so embrace your soil conditions and go for varieties that are known to tolerate your soil and enjoy your garden.

Trees for damp sites

Trees do generally require well drained soil, however in the situation where this is not possible it is best to pick a variety which can thrive in these conditions, such as the swamp cypress (*Taxodium disticham*) which can survive wet for many months.

Trees for cold exposed areas

Many of us have become familiar with the wind chill factor, although down here in the South East the effects are becoming less and less however, this effects us as much as it affects the tree. Thankfully a good selection of evergreens and many deciduous trees come to our rescue.

Key

All = All varieties

Plant	Dry, acid Soils	Shallow soil over chalk	Damp sites	Trees for Clay Soil	Cold Exposed Areas
Acers (Maple)	ginnala, negundo and cultivars	campestre, negundo, plantanoides, pseudoplatanus and cutlivars		All	pseudoplatanus and cultivars
Amelanchier (June Berry)			All		
Arbutus (Strawberry Tree)					
Aesculus (Horse Chesnut)		All		All	
Betula (Birch)	All		All	All	Most
Caragana (Pea Tree)		arborescens and cultivars			
Carpinus (Hornbeam)		betulus and cultivars		All	
Castanea (Sweet Chesnut)	All				
Cercis (Judas Tree)	All	siliquastrum			
Cornus (Dogwood)		mas and cultivars		All	
Corylus (Hazel)				All	
Cotinus (Smoke Tree)				All	coggygria and cultivars
Cotoneaster	All	All		All	
Cratagus (Thorn)		All	All	All	monogyna and cultivars
Cytisus (Broom)				All	
Eucalyptus (Gum)				All	

Tree)					
Euonymus	All				
Fagus (Beech)		sylvatica and cultivars			All
Forsythia (Golden Bell Bush)		All		All	
Fraxinus (Ash)		Excelsior and cultivars		All	excelsior and cultivars
Ginkgo (Maiden Hair Tree)					biloba
Gleditsia (Locust Tree)	All				
Hamamelis (witch Hazel)				All	
Ilex (Holly)	crenata and cultivars			All	
Ilex (aquifolium and cultivars)	All				
Laburnham				All	All
Larix (Larch)				All	
Magnolia				All	
Malus (Crab Apple)				All	
Metasequoia (Redwood)			All		
Paulownia (Foxglove Tree)					
Pinus (pine)	All			All	
Platanus				All	
Populus (Poplar)	All		All	All	tremula
Prunus (Flowering Cherry)		Japanese cherries		All	
Quercus (Oak)			Palustris	All	robur and cultivars
Robinia (Aciacia)	All				All
Salix (willow)	All		All	All	
Sambucus (Elder)		All	All		
Sorbus (Mountain Ash)		aria, hybrid and all cultivars	aucuparia and cultivars	All	aria, aucuparia and cultivars
Syringa (Lilac)		All			

Taxodium (Swamp Cypress)			distichum	All	
Taxus (Yew)		baccata and cultivars		All	baccata and cultivars
Thuja		plicata		All	
Tilia (Lime)				All	cordata and cultivars
Viburnham				All	

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