



Our helpful guide to
**ORNAMENTAL
 TREES**

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Our range of trees covers both ornamental and also many native species for all sites large and small, including coastal areas. We sell potted trees which can be planted all year round, or bare-rooted for planting between November and March whilst dormant.

The purpose of this guide is to help you choose the right tree for your garden however it is not an exhaustive list of what is available. For a comprehensive and up to date list please go to: www.duchyofcornwallnursery.co.uk/plants/search or ask at the shop on your next visit.

TREES SUITABLE FOR DAMP SITES

Alnus Glutinosa Imperialis

Cut leaved Alder. A graceful deciduous tree with finely cut foliage. Useful for windy sites including coastal. Any soil (fairly lime tolerant) including damp soils. Sun or shade. Height 5–8m.

Amelanchier

Canadensis

(Snowy Mespilus) Very similar to lamarkii. Hardy and easy to grow. Large shrub or small tree 3–4m. Leaves emerge copper-red and colour well in autumn. White flowers in spring. Moist well-drained acid soil.

Laevis 'Snow Flakes'

A lovely form with ascending branches. Large white flowers in April contrast with the new emerging copper foliage. Bronze red autumn leaf colour. Height 3–4m.

Lamarckii AGM

(Snowy Mespilus) Large shrub or small tree; 3–4m. Leaves emerge copper-red and colour well in autumn. White flowers in spring. Moist, well-drained acid soil.

NOTE - All Amelanchiers bear fruit and are sometimes called 'Juneberry'. Fruits usually red turning to black – great for garden birds.

Betula

Pendula

Silver Birch. Medium sized deciduous tree. White bark colour. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 9–12m.

Pendula Youngli

Young's Weeping Birch. Beautiful dome-shaped small weeping deciduous tree. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 6–8m.

Quercus

Palustris AGM

Fast growing, broadly conical, deciduous tree. Deeply lobed glossy green leaves which turn rich scarlet in autumn. Best in acid or neutral soils. Any situation. Height 20m.

Salix

Chrysocoma

Beautiful weeping deciduous tree. Golden yellow stems and leaves. Catkins in April. Any moist soil in sun or partial shade. Fast growing. Not suitable for small gardens. Height 12–15m.

Sorbus

Aucuparia

Mountain Ash/Rowan. Familiar native deciduous tree. Pinnate leaves. Huge bunches of glossy red fruits in autumn. Autumn foliage colour. Any soil in sun or shade. Height 5–8m.

TREES FOR AUTUMN COLOUR

Acer

Campestre AGM

Field Maple. Medium-sized deciduous tree. New leaves are cream and green. New growth tinged pink. Winged fruit clusters. Yellow autumn foliage. Any soil sun or shade. Height 6–9m.

Rubrum 'October Glory' AGM

Red or Scarlet Maple. Medium to large tree. Long lasting brilliant red autumn colour on acid soils. Sun or part shade. Best in a sheltered site. Height 8–12m.

Amelanchier

'Ballerina'

A small tree with coppery-bronze young foliage and a profusion of larger than the type pure white flowers in spring. All varieties have good autumn colour. Moist well-drained acid soil. Height 4–5m.

Carpinus

Betulus AGM

Common Hornbeam. Deciduous tree for specimen planting or for hedging. Hop-like fruit clusters in autumn. Any soil including clay and chalk. Sun or shade. Height 12m.



Liquidambar

Styraciflua 'Worplesdon'

Medium sized deciduous tree with narrow lobed maple-like leaves that turn purple, orange and yellow in the autumn. Best in neutral-acid soil. Height 10–12m.

Malus

Tschonoskii

Flowering Crab Apple. Flowering Crab Apple. Deciduous tree. Upright, conical habit with bluish white flowers and small fruit. Excellent yellow, orange, purple and red autumn colour. Any fertile soil in sun or part shade. Height 10–12m.

Pyrus

Calleryana 'Chanticleer'

Ornamental Pear. Handsome, narrowly conical, deciduous tree with persistent glossy green leaves which colour well in autumn. Often keeps its leaves into December. Single white flowers in spring. Any fertile soil in sun or semi-shade. Height: 6–10m.

Quercus

Rubra

Red Oak. Large fast growing deciduous tree. Red/bronze autumn colour. Height 18–22m.

Sorbus

'Autumn Spire' AGM

Rowan. Deciduous tree of unique compact upright habit. Rich autumn foliage colour and clusters of yellow-orange fruits persisting after leaf fall. Any good soil in all situations except extreme coastal. Height 6m.

TREES WITH ORNAMENTAL BARK AND TWIGS

Arbutus unedo

Strawberry tree. Small evergreen tree. Bark deep brown, shredding to reveal green beneath. White flowers and red fruit together late autumn. Sun. Good coastal tree. Lime tolerant. Height 3–4m

Betula

Albosinensis 'Fascination'

Deciduous tree. A beautiful birch with a lovely peeling bark revealing orange/red. Each peeling layer is clothed with a white glaucous bloom. Spring catkins up to 10cm in length. grows on most soils to 12–17m.

Pendula

Silver Birch. Medium sized native deciduous tree. White bark with weeping branch tips. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 9–12m.

Utilis var. jacquemontii

Birch. Deciduous tree grown for its beautiful white bark which is especially attractive in winter. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 7½–10m.

Utilis var. jacquemontii 'Doorenbos' AGM

Deciduous tree grown for the beautiful white bark which is especially attractive in winter. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 7½–10m.

Utilis 'Snow Queen'

Deciduous tree selected for its beautiful white bark which is especially attractive in winter. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 7½–10m.

Eucalyptus

Pauciflora Niphophila AGM

Snow Gum. Small evergreen tree with a patchwork trunk of green grey and cream. Hardy. Good coastal plant. Any soil (not shallow chalk) in sun or part shade. Height: 5–10m.

Parrotia

Persica

Large deciduous shrub or small tree with attractive flaking bark. Flowers with clusters of crimson stamens appear in spring. One of the best plants for autumn colour. Any good soil in sun or shade. Height 4–8m. Spread 8m+.

Platanus

x hispanica AGM

London Plane. Very large deciduous tree with attractive mottled bark and large palmate leaves. Tolerant of atmospheric pollution. Any fertile soil except shallow chalk. Sun or shade. Height: 20–30m.

Prunus

Serrula

Deciduous tree grown for beautiful polished mahogany-like bark. Small white flower in April. Any soil. Best in open sunny position. Height 6–10m.

Salix

Chrysocoma

Beautiful weeping deciduous tree. Golden yellow stems and leaves. Catkins in April. Any moist soil in sun or partial shade. Fast growing. Not suitable for small gardens. Height 12–15m.



TREES WITH PENDULOUS (WEEPING) HABIT

Betula

Pendula Youngii

Young's Weeping Birch. Beautiful dome-shaped small weeping deciduous tree. Any soil except shallow chalk in sun or shade. Height 6–8m.

Cotoneaster

Hybridus Pendulus

Striking evergreen/semi-evergreen tree. Branches weep to the ground, laden with bright red fruits in autumn/winter. Any soil in sun or shade. Grafted height 2m.

Malus

'Royal Beauty'

Flowering Crab Apple. Deciduous weeping tree with purple-red new foliage. Purple-red flowers in April–May. Small dark red fruits in autumn. Any fertile soil in sun or part shade. Height 6–8m.

Prunus

Kiku-shidare-zakura

Cheals Weeping Cherry. This is the classic weeping Japanese cherry. Double rose pink flowers in April. A 3m tall tree can get just as wide so allow room when planting.

'Snow Showers'

Beautiful strongly weeping, white flowered cherry. Compact and spectacular when the single white flowers open in March. Good autumn leaf colours. Height 2–2½m.

Pyrus

Salicifolia Pendula AGM

Weeping Pear. Small deciduous weeping tree with silver willow-like foliage. Any fertile soil in sun or semi-shade. Height 4–5m.

Salix

Chrysocoma

Beautiful weeping deciduous tree. Golden yellow stems and leaves. Catkins in April. Any moist soil in sun or partial shade. Fast growing. Not suitable for small gardens. Height 12–15m.

TREES WITH UPRIGHT HABIT

Amelanchier

'Obelisk'

Small deciduous upright slender tree with upright branches. Young leaves coppery-red, turning dark green in summer and yellow in autumn. Profusion of large white flowers in April and May, followed in good years by edible fruits. Moist, well-drained acid soil in sun or part shade. Height after 5 years 3–4m.

Quercus Palustris 'Green Pillar'

Columnar form of the pin oak. Dark green deeply lobed leaves that have good red autumn colour. Height 7–12m.

Carpinus

Betulus Fastigiata AGM

Hornbeam. Deciduous tree of broadly upright habit. Narrow as a young tree, broadening with age. Hop-like fruit clusters in autumn. Any soil, including clay and chalk. Sun or shade. Height 6–10m.

Malus

Tschonoskii

Flowering Crab Apple. Deciduous tree. Upright, conical habit with blush white flowers and small fruit. Excellent yellow, orange, purple and red autumn colour. Any fertile soil in sun or part shade. Height 10–12m.

Prunus

'Amanogawa' AGM

Flowering Cherry. Small columnar deciduous tree. Erect branches. Dense upright clusters of fragrant shell pink flowers in April. Young leaves green-bronze. Any soil in an open sunny position. Height 5–8m.

Sorbus

'Autumn Spire' AGM

Rowan. Deciduous tree of unique compact upright habit. Rich autumn foliage colour and clusters of yellow-orange fruits persisting after leaf fall. Any good soil in all situations except extreme coastal. Height 6m.

PLANTING AND STAKING GUIDE

PLANTING IN A LAWN

— If planting in a lawn, clear away a circle of turf so that grass doesn't compete with the establishment of the newly planted tree.

ADD ORGANIC MATTER

— Mix in some organic matter if the soil requires it. A dusting of mycorrhiza 'root grow' on the bottom of the planting hole is also very beneficial. It's also good to loosen the soil at the bottom of the head of the hole.

DIG SQUARE HOLES

— It's best to dig a square planting hole one and a half times the size of the root ball. A square hole will help the roots push out through the corners rather than growing in circles.

STAKING

— If staking is required, a short stake is best to allow free movement of the head of the tree which will encourage faster rooting. We supply tree stakes, strap and buckle tree ties and spiral rabbit guards.



THE TREE HUT

— Come and visit our tree hut for all your stakes, ties and tree planting essentials.