PLANTING SUCCESSFUL TREES AND SHRUBS

Trees and shrubs add colour, texture and interest to your yard and attract birds and bees. Many varieties of trees and shrubs thrive in Edmonton - there is a size and shape to fit any part of your yard. This guide provides examples of trees and shrubs that are well suited to Edmonton. Local nurseries are also a terrific resource for more information on planting such as where to plant and why.

TREES

▼ Ponderosa Pine  
Pinus ponderosa
This fast growing evergreen tree is pyramidal when young, gradually losing lower limbs as it grows taller. It has long soft needles, prefers full sun and well drained soil conditions.
△ 35′ ↔ 18′

▼ Ohio Buckeye  
Aesculus glabra
This small, slow growing tree is round in shape with cream coloured flowers in the spring. It prefers full sun to partial shade and moist soil conditions.
△ 25′ ↔ 20′

▼ Silver Cloud  
Silver Maple  
Acer saccharinum  
‘Silver Cloud’
A large shade tree producing green foliage with silver undersides. The leaves turn yellow in the fall, and produce red flowers in early spring. It prefers full sunlight.
△ 50′ ↔ 40′

▼ Mountain Ash  
Sorbus hybrid
A small, oval shaped tree with white flowers in the spring. Forms red berries that persist into the winter. Stunning red and orange fall colour. It prefers full sun and tolerates dry to moist soil conditions.
△ 15′ ↔ 10′

▼ Butternut  
Juglans cinerea
This medium sized shade tree is slow growing with a round shape. Produces brown walnut type fruit in the fall which are excellent for fresh eating and cooking. It prefers full sun and tolerates dry to moist soil conditions.
△ 50′ ↔ 40′

Greenspire Linden  
Tilia cordata ‘Greenspire’
Conical shaped tree that has heart-shaped leaves. It produces small yellow flowers in the summer. It prefers full to partial sun.
△ 35′ ↔ 15′
Skybound Cedar
Thuja occidentalis 'Skybound'
A dense, narrowly upright evergreen tree. Great for screening. It prefers full sun to partial shade and moist soil conditions.
\[ H: 18' \quad W: 5' \]

Parkland Pillar Birch
Betula platyphylla 'Jefpark'
An upright, narrow tree that grows quickly. Great for screening in smaller spaces. It prefers full sun and is adaptable to various soil conditions.
\[ H: 30' \quad W: 6' \]

Taunton's Yew
Taxus x media 'Tauntonii'
A dense, low spreading evergreen shrub. The needles are soft and fern like. It does well in full sun to full shade and moist soil conditions.
\[ H: 3' \quad W: 5' \]

Swiss Stone Pine
Pinus cembra
Narrow, pyramidal shape with soft dark green needles, slow growing. It prefers full sun and well drained to drier soil conditions.
\[ H: 30' \quad W: 15' \]

Flowering Crabapples
Malus x (Purple Spire, Gladiator, Spring Snow)
Flowering crabapples vary in form, size and colour. From columnar to vase shape, green or burgundy leaves and fruiting or fruitless. All crabapples have abundant, beautiful spring flowers in a range of colours. They prefer full sun and well drained soil.
\[ H: 20' \quad W: 4' \]

Burr Oak
Quercus macrocarpa
This long lived, slow growing, shade tree has a wide spreading shape. It prefers full sun and tolerates dry to moist soil conditions.
\[ H: 50' \quad W: 40' \]

Ivory Silk Tree Lilac
Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'
This small oval shaped tree has dense, dark green leaves and showy cream coloured flowers in early summer. It prefers full sun and well drained soil.
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Princess Kay Plum
Prunus nigra
‘Princess Kay’
A small, fruitless tree with an upright, spreading shape. Showy, double, white fragrant flowers in the spring. Beautiful fall colour. It prefers full sun and average moisture soil.
16’ ↔ 10’

Ussurian Pear
Pyrus ussuriensis
This fast growing, oval shaped shade tree has beautiful white flowers in the spring. Fruit is the best for canning, burgundy fall colour. It prefers full sun and average to moist soil conditions. 35’ ↔ 25’

Russian Almond
Prunus tenella
A small shrub with a loose upright form and showy pink flowers in the early spring. It prefers full sun and well-drained soil conditions.
5’ ↔ 4’

Diablo Ninebark
Physocarpus opulifolius ‘Diablo’
A hardy, spreading shrub with deep purple leaves and white flowers. The flowers and berries attract birds, bees and butterflies. It prefers full sun to partial shade and is drought tolerant.
8’ ↔ 8’

Ivory Halo Dogwood
Cornus alba ‘Ivory Halo’
A compact shrub with a loose rounded form. The leaves are white and green with brilliant red stems that look great against the winter snow. It prefers full sun to partial shade and grows well in various soil conditions.
5’ ↔ 5’

Roses Artist Series
Rosa x (‘Bill Reid’, ‘Emily Carr’, Felix Leclerc’)
A series of hardy and low maintenance shrub roses including climbing roses. Flower colours range but all are bright, bloom continuously and are great for cutting. They prefer full sun and well drained soil.
3-6’ ↔ 3-4’

Annabelle Hydrangea
Hydrangea arborescens grandiflora ‘Annabelle’
A hardy, showy shrub which spills outward with huge, white, rounded flower heads. It blooms mid-summer to fall, attracting butterflies. It prefers partial shade and average to moist soil conditions.
4’ ↔ 5’

Dwarf Korean Lilac
Syringa meyeri ‘Palibin’
A compact, rounded shrub that can be used as a hedge. It produces abundant purple flowers in mid-to-late spring. It prefers full sun and average soil conditions.
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**SHRUBS**

**Birds Nest Spruce**  
*Picea abies ‘Nidiformis’*  
Compact evergreen shrub with outward-curving branches and ornamental cones. It prefers partial to full sun and average to moist soil conditions.  
† 5’ ↔ 6’

**Sem False Spirea**  
*Sorbaria sorbifolia ‘Sem’*  
An upright shrub with bright green leaves that emerge red in spring. White, plume shaped flowers rise above the leaves early to mid-summer. It does well in full sun or partial sun and average to moist soil conditions.  
‡ 4’ ↔ 4’

**Black Beauty Elder**  
*Sambucus nigra ‘Gerda’*  
An upright, spreading shrub with fine-cut, dark purple leaves. Abundant fragrant, pink flowers in the summer produce dark purple berries in the fall. It prefers partial to full sun and average to moist soil conditions.  
† 10’ ↔ 10’

**Miss Kim Lilac**  
*Syringa patula ‘Miss Kim’*  
A dense, upright lilac that blooms fragrant, lilac-pink flowers in spring. It prefers partial to full sun and well-drained soil.  
‡ 6’ ↔ 6’

**Prince of Wales Juniper**  
*Juniperus horizontalis ‘Prince of Wales’*  
Evergreen shrub that grows low to the ground. The needles are bright green in summer turning purplish in winter. It prefers full sun and grows well in various soil conditions.  
‡ 8” ↔ 7’

**Dwarf Mockorange**  
*Philadelphus x ‘Snowbelle’ and ‘Snow Dwarf’*  
A compact rounded shrub with fragrant white flowers in early summer. The branches are often used in flower arrangements. It prefers full sun and average to moist soil conditions.  
‡ 3’ ↔ 3’

**Saskatoon Berry**  
*Amelanchier alnifolia*  
A very hardy shrub with beautiful white flowers in the spring and edible tasty berries in summer. Bright yellow fall colour. It prefers partial to full sun and average to moist soil conditions.  
‡ 12’ ↔ 8’

**Slowmound Mugo Pine**  
*Pinus mugo ‘Slowmound’*  
Low maintenance evergreen shrub with a rounded form. It prefers full sun and is drought tolerant.  
‡ 5’ ↔ 10’

**Rose Glow Barberry**  
*Berberis thunbergii f. atropurpurea ‘Rose Glow’*  
A rounded shrub with arching branches and pink purple variegated leaves. Beautiful burgundy fall colour. It requires full sun and well drained soil.  
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