

## Flowering Tree Suggestions for the City Arboretum

*Albizia julibrissin* Silk Tree. Pink flowers late July/August over long season. Makes flat topped spreading tree which would look good if viewed from the Oak Knoll. Needs some protection from severe cold. Flowers loved by hummingbirds but can be messy. There is a bronze leaved form.

*Cercis* Redbud. Mauve-pink flowers in spring before leafing out. Leaves flutter in breeze, like an aspen. Some newer varieties have interestingly colored foliage. Slow growing.

*Crataegus phaenopyrum*. Washington hawthorn. Small tree. Glossy leaves, white flowers, good fall colors (orange, scarlet, purplish), shiny red fruits remain through winter. Also least prone to fireblight.

*Eucalyptus gunnii* Hardest of the eucalyptus (survives 5-10°F and colder if only for brief periods) Silver gray young foliage, dark green mature leaves. Small bunches of cream flowers.

*Koelreuteria paniculata* (Golden raintree)

*Lagerstroemia* Crepe Myrtle. *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Tuscarora' Small, multi trunked tree with good display of flowers (rose, red, lilac or white) in late July/August.

*Lagerstroemia fauriei* (Japanese crapemyrtle) White flowers, good form, interesting bark.

*Liriodendron tulipifera* Handsome tree which is known to grow well here (there is already one beside Senior Center parking lot). Grows very tall, has showy yellow tulip shaped flowers. They are produced high up so one has to look for them.

*Magnolia* (deciduous). There are a variety of hardy magnolias which have spectacular flowers, but they tend to flower very early so almost always get damaged by frosts in the Bishop area. However, occasionally they perform very well. Don't like drying winds. Carefully selected variety might be worth a try.

*Magnolia grandiflora*. Evergreen. There are a couple of good specimens locally which are growing in sheltered spots with an abundant supply of water. Mostly those that have been planted around Bishop look very stressed and have not grown well at all. The leaves burn in strong sun and don't tolerate drying winds.

*Malus*. Flowering crab apples. Extensive number of varieties with different growth and flowering patterns. Colors white through to dark red. Fruits yellow, orange or red.

Prunus Flowering cherry. Numerous varieties to choose from depending on site. "Amanagowa" is very upright growing when young (like a Lombardy poplar), while others spread, "Shirotae" grows very horizontally. Colors from white, to pink. Flowers single or double. Subject to borers.

Prunus Flowering plum. Available with a variety of flower colors (white, light pink) and in single or double forms. Some are fragrant. Foliage color can be green or various shades of red/purple.

Pyrus. Ornamental pear. Early flowering small tree. White flowers. Selection of different habits to choose from. Performs well in the area. Branches tend to be weak with age.

Robinia x *ambigua* Locust "Purple robe." (Purple-pink), or "Idahoensis" (rose). Tough, fast growing, showy flowers early spring, low water requirements.

*Sophora secundiflora* or *Japonica*.

*Tilia petiolaris* (Weeping silverleaf linden)

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