

Plants for North Central Texas

Canopy Trees



Common Name Scientific Name	Evergreen/Perennial ¹	Height (ft)	Width (ft)	Seasonal Interest	Native - Denton County	Color & Features	Garden Lists ²	Maintenance
Ash, Texas <i>Fraxinus albicans</i> (<i>F. texensis</i>)	D	30-50'	30-40'	Fall	Y	Yellow, orange, red and purple leaves	4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Ashe Juniper (Mountain Cedar) <i>Juniperus ashei</i>	E	to 18'	15-30'	Fall, Winter		Evergreen leaves/ blue berries	5	No maintenance required
Bald Cypress <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	D	45-75'	20-30'	Fall		Feathery-textured leaves; reddish-brown fall color	3,5	Prune to raise canopy
Bigtooth Maple <i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	D	40-50'	20-30'	Fall		Golden yellow to red fall foliage	4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Black Cherry, Escarpment <i>Prunus serotina</i> ssp <i>eximia</i>	D	25-50'	20-35'	Fall, Spring		Vivid yellow fall foliage, white spring flowers	3,4	Prune to shape.
Black Willow <i>Salix nigra</i>	D	10-60'	10-60'	Fall		Yellow flowers	1,5	None
Bois d'arc <i>Maclura pomifera</i>	D	20-40'	20-40'	Spring	Y	Green fruit	4,5	Prune to shape
Box Elder (Ash-leaf Maple) <i>Acer negundo</i>	D	40-50'	40-50'	Fall		Yellow fall foliage		Prune for shape or to raise canopy. Additional pruning may be required due to wind & ice damage of weak wood
Buckeye, Texas <i>Aesculus glabra</i>	D	20-40'	30-40'	Fall	Y	Interesting flower with bright orange foilage		
Cedar, Eastern Red <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	E	25-50'	to 45'	Fall, Winter	Y	Evergreen leaves/ blue berries	1,5,6	No maintenance required
Cottonwood <i>Populus deltoides</i>	D	12-36'	35-60'	Fall		Yellow leaves	1,5	
Elm, American <i>Ulmus americana</i>	D	40-80'	60-80'	Fall	Y	Yellow leaves, winged samara seeds	1,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Elm, Cedar <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	D	50-70'	50-60'	Fall	Y	Gold leaves	1,3,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Hackberry (Sugarberry) <i>Celtis laevigata</i>	D	60-80'	to 30'	Fall	Y	Yellow leaves	1,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Honey Locust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	D	30-70'	30-50'	Fall		Yellow leaves	1,5	
Mesquite, Honey <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	D	25-30'	25-30'	Mar - Sept		Creamy white flower	4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Oak, Blackjack <i>Quercus marilandica</i>	D	14-45'	14-45'	Fall	Y	Yellow green leaves	1,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy, in winter or peak of summer

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Oak, Bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	D	70-100'	30-50'	Spring	Y	Large acorns	1,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Oak, Chinkapin <i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>	D	45-110'	50-70'	Fall	Y	Yellow and rust leaves	1,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
1. Oak, Escarpment Live 2. Oak, Live 1. <i>Quercus fusiformis</i> 2. <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	E	1. 20-40' 2. 30-50'	1. 30-50' 2. 60-100'	Winter	Y	Green leaves	1,4,5	Prune only during hottest and coldest months; paint any pruning wounds to prevent oak wilt
Oak, Lacey <i>Quercus laceyi</i> (<i>Quercus glaucoides</i>)	D	25-35'	15-30'	Spring, Summer, Fall		Foliage peach-colored in spring and fall; dark-blue or grayish-green in summer	1,4	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Oak, Post <i>Quercus stellata</i>	D	40-50'	30-40'	Spring	Y	Golden flowers	1,4,5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
1. Oak, Shumard Red 2. Oak, Texas Red 1. <i>Quercus shumardii</i> 2. <i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	D	1. 30-120' 2. 15-30'	1. to 60' 2. to 30'	Fall	Y	Red leaves	1,4,5	Prune only during hottest and coldest months; paint any pruning wounds to prevent oak wilt
Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	D	100-160'	60-75'	Fall	Y	Nuts	5	Prune for shape or to raise canopy
Smoketree, American <i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	D	15-25'	15-25'	Spring-Summer, Fall		Silky pink leaves, turning bluish to dark green in spring, and fall; vibrant shades of red, orange, yellow and purple	4	Prune for shape or to raise canopy near walkways
Soapberry, Western <i>Sapindus saponaria</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	D	10-50'	12-12'	Spring	Y	Cream colored flower clusters	4,5	Prune to raise canopy if needed for walkways
Southern Magnolia <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	E,P	50-110'	30'	May-June		White fragrant blooms		Optional - prune to raise canopy

KEY:

Evergreen/Perennial¹: E: Evergreen, SE: Semi-Evergreen, D: Deciduous, P: Perennial, A: Annual

Garden Lists²: 1: Butterfly, 2: Shade, 3: Water Garden, 4: Water-Wise, 5: Wildlife Habitat, 6: Winter

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