

APPROVED STREET TREES FOR SWAMPSCOTT

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Large Trees (mature size more than 40 feet)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size (ft.)	Notes
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	40-75	n h
Single Stem River Birch	Betula nigra	40-50	n s h
Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	40-60	n s h
Common Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	40-60	n s h
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba	50-80	s h
Honeylocust (thornless)	Gleditsia triacanthos	50-70	n s h
Kentucky Coffee Tree	Gymnocladus dioicus	60-80	n h f
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	60-75	n s h
Black Gum/Tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica	40-70	n s h
American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	70-100	n s h
Pin Oak	Quercus palustris	60-70	n
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	50-60	n h
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	40-75	n h
Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	60-80	n s
Black Oak	Quercus velutina	50-60	n h
American Basswood	Tilia americana	50-60	n f
Littleleaf Linden	Tilia cordata	60-70	h f
American Elm	Ulmus americana	60-80	n s h
Elm Hybrids	Ulmus spp.	40-50	s h
Japanese Zelkova	Zelkova serrata	50-80	s h

spp.-indicates several species

Small to Medium Trees (mature size 15 - 40 feet)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size (ft.)	Notes
Serviceberry - single stem	Amelanchier spp. (laevis, arborea, grandiflora, canadensis)	15-25	n s f
Redbud	Cercis canadensis	20-30	n f
White Fringe Tree	Chionanthus virginicus	12-20	n f
Winter King Hawthorn (thorns)	Crataegus viridis	20-25	n h f
Cockspur Hawthorn (thornless)	Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis	20-25	n h f
Crabapple	Malus spp.	15-30	n h f
Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	20-30	n h f

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Additional Trees for Parks, Setback Plantings, Wide Medians

These species are less tolerant of urban conditions such as limited rooting space, compaction from pedestrian traffic, excessive heat emitted from impervious surfaces, road salt, & vehicle pollution. Thus, it is best to not plant them as street trees but in more setback spaces.

Small to Medium Trees (mature size 15 - 40 feet)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size(ft.)	Notes
Striped Maple	Acer pensylvanicum	15-35	n
Mountain Maple	Acer spicatum	10-25	n
Paw Paw	Asimina triloba	15-35	n f
American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana	30-40	n
Yellowwood	Cladrastis kentukea	30-50	n f
Pagoda Dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	20-30	n f
American Smoketree	Cotinus obovatus	15-30	n f
Carolina Silverbell	Halesia carolina	30-40	n f
Witch Hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	20-30	n f
Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana	20+	n f
American Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	30-40	n
Sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum	30-40	n f
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	30-60	n
Smooth Blackhaw	Viburnum prunifolium	15-30	n f

Additional Trees for Parks, Setback Plantings, Wide Medians (continued)

Large Trees (mature size more than 40 feet)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size (ft)	Notes
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	50+	n
River Birch	Betula nigra	50+	n h
Atlantic White Cedar	Chamaecyparis thyoides	60-80	n
Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	80+	n s h
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	70+	n
Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	40-70	n s h
Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	70+	n f
Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	80+	n
White Oak	Quercus alba	60+	n
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	80+	n h
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	80+	n h
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	70+	n h

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Approved by the Swampscott Tree Committee. This list is based on the "Selecting Trees for Your Urban and Community Forests", MA DCR Bureau of Forestry.