

Native Trees for Larchmont

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Sun	Partial Shade	Soil Preference	Shape	Growth Habit	Flowers/Fruits	Bloom color
Conifers									
Balsam Fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	H: 40-60' W: 15-25'	X		Moist, well-drained, acid	Narrow, conical, pyramidal	Slow	Upright cones	Dark green needles
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	H:40-50' W: 8-15'	X		Dry, Moist well-drained, alkaline	Columnar, pyramidal	Medium	Blue berries on female trees attract birds	Silvery-blue needle-like
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>	H: 40-60' W: 10-20'	X		Most, well-drained, acid	Symmetrical, cone-shaped crown	Slow	Pale brown cones	Bluish green needles
Tamarack (Larch)	<i>Larix laricina</i>	H: 40-80' W: 15-30'	X		Wet, acid/alkaline	Pyramidal	Fast	Small round cones	Bright yellow needles in fall
Deciduous : Medium to Large									
Red Maple (swamp tree)	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	H: 40-70' W: 30-50'	X	X	Moist, well-drained, acid	Rounded oval crown	Fast	Two-winged samaras	Small red flowers in spring, orange to red leaves in fall
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	H: 40-80' W:30-60'	X	X	Moist, well-drained, acid/alkaline	Dense rounded-crown	Slow-to-medium	Samaras (winged/drooping)	Yellow-orange leaves in fall
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	H: 40-70' W: 40-60'	X	X	Moist, well-drained, wet, acid	Single-trunk: rounded shape; Multi-trunk preferred	Fast	Catkins	Yellow leaves in fall

Black gum (Black tupelo)	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	H: 30-50' W: 20- 30'	X	X	Moist, well- drained, acid	Rounded crown	Slow	Blueberry-size fruit	Greenish white flowers in spring, Scarlet leaves in fall
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	H:50-60' W: 50- 60'	X		Moist, well- drained, acid	Rounded crown	Medium	Acorns	Dark green leaves, yellow to purple leaves in fall
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	H: 50-75' W: 50- 75'	X		Moist, well- drained, acid	Rounded to broad- spreading crown	Fast	Acorns	Pink-hued leaves in spring, yellow- to-purplish red in fall
Tulip	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	H: 60-90' W: 30- 50'	X		Moist, well- drained, acid	Pyramidal to broad conical	Fast	Winged seeds	Yellow tulip- like flowers in spring, yellow leaves in fall
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	H: 50-80' W: 30- 60'	X	X	Moist, well- drained, acid	Narrow columnar to rounded crown	Fast	Small red cherries	White flowers in spring, yellow/rose leaves in fall
American Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	H: 75- 100' W: 75- 100'	X		Wet, alkaline	Rounded habit	Fast	Fuzzy fruiting balls	Brown bark exfoliates to white
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>	H: 70-90' W: 50- 70'	X	X	Moist, well- drained, acid/alkaline	Oval-rounded crown	Slow	Nuts	Yellow in the fall
Deciduous: Small									
Shadbush (Juneberry/ Service berry)	<i>Amelanchier arboorea</i>	H: 15-25' W: 15- 25'	X	X	Wet	Shrub or small tree	Moderate	Red berries in June,	White-petalled flowers in spring, yellow leaves in fall

American hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	H: 20-35' W: 20-35'		X	Moist, well-drained, wet, acid/alkaline	Globular	Slow	Nutlets	Lustrous green leaves in summer, yellow to red/orange in fall
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	H: 20-30' W: 25-35'	X	X	Moist, well-drained, acid/alkaline	Multi-trunked Rounded crown	Moderate	Bean pods in winter	Pink to magenta flowers in May, yellow leaves in fall
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	H: 15-30' W: 15-30'	X	X	Moist, well-drained, acid	Pyramidal flat-topped	Slow	Red berries in fall	White-petal-like flowers in spring, red leaves in fall

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