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# Landscape Plants for Georgia

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***Note: All plants on the GA-EPPC invasive plant list have been removed that were included in the original version of this publication.***

## **Introduction**

*Landscape Plants for Georgia* is an effort to compile a list of good plants organized into various sizes and groups. It does not list all available plant materials but rather brings together the best possible groupings according to the principles and requirements of good landscape design and plant maintenance. It is not possible to offer pictures of the plants. Many publications, books and web sites, however, have good plant pictures.

The design qualities of plants—their form, size, color and texture—are of major emphasis. Hardiness and disease and insect resistant qualities are also considered when selecting good landscape plants.

Note: In the list of plants below, an asterisk (\*) denotes a native Georgia plant.

## **Definitions of Terms Used**

## Class

For identification, plants are divided into three major classes or groups: evergreen conifers, broad-leaved evergreens and deciduous plants.

## Conifer

Most conifers are cone-bearing and have needle-like foliage. Examples are pine and cedar.

## Deciduous

A deciduous plant sheds its foliage in the fall or winter. Flowering dogwood, maple and spirea are examples.

## Botanical Name

This refers to the scientific name recognized the world over. *Cornus florida* is the botanical name of flowering dogwood. Botanical names are listed according to *Index of Garden Plants* by Mark Griffiths, 1994, Timber Press.

## Broad-leaved Evergreen

This refers to broad-leaved plants that retain foliage the entire year. Examples are boxwood and camellia.

## Common Name

Common plant names may vary from region to region. For this reason scientific names are included in this publication to establish the true identity of the plant.

## Texture

Plant foliage is usually defined as being fine-, medium-, or coarse-textured, depending upon the size, density and arrangement of its leaves. Southern magnolia is an example of coarse foliage texture.

## Form

Form refers to the shape or general outline of the plant. Boxwood has a rounded form. *Pyracantha* is irregular.

## Normal Georgia Height

Due to environmental conditions, such as variations in soil, temperature, fertility and moisture, exact growing heights of plants cannot be established. "Normal Georgia Height" is a term used to designate average size after reasonable maturity. It is intended for use only as a guide.

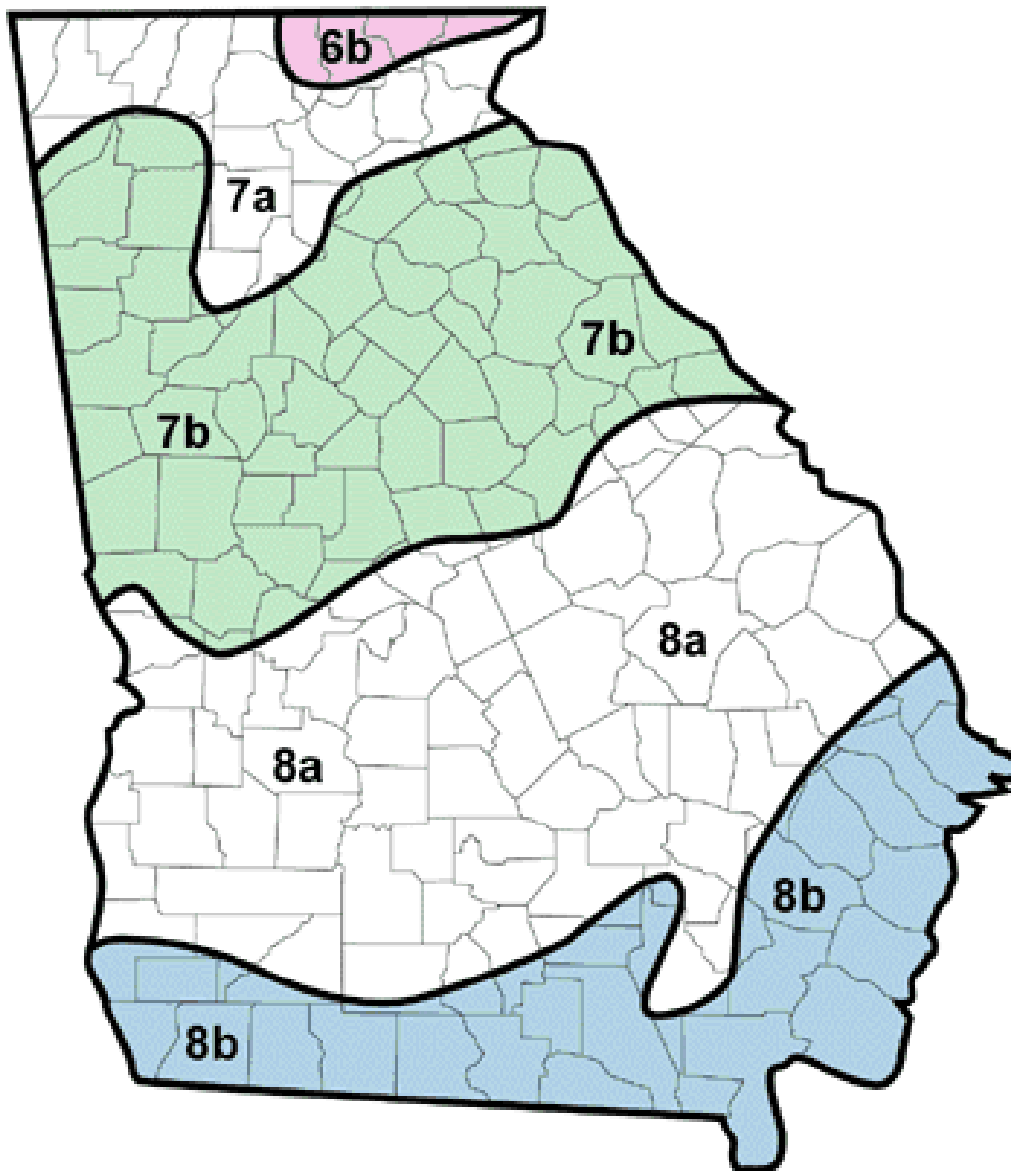
## Specimen

This is a plant with desirable form, foliage, fruit or flower that can be separated from other plants to emphasize its desirable characters.

## Georgia's Hardy Zones

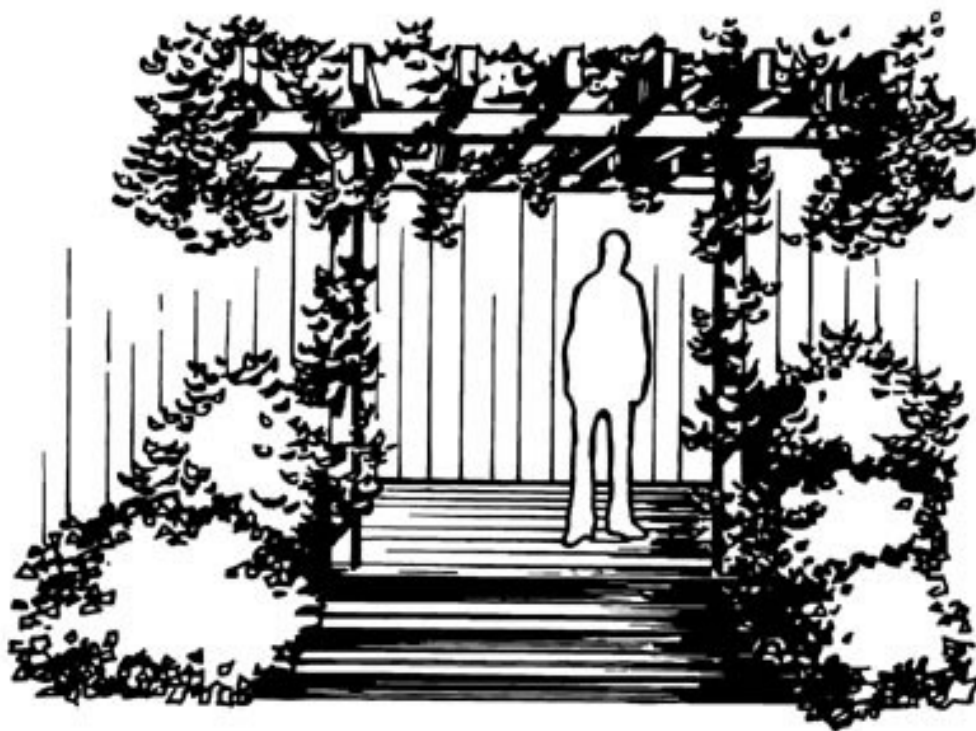
The plant hardiness zones used in this publication (see map) denote areas in the state where a plant has the best chance of survival and growth. The zones are based on the average minimum temperature the plant will tolerate. The numbers and letters in parentheses are the zone designations used in the reference publication. Source of this information is the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map, Miscellaneous Publication No. 1475, Agricultural Research Service, 1990.

# Plant Hardiness Zones for Georgia



Range of average annual minimum temperatures for each zone	
Zone	Range in degrees F
6b	-5 to 0
7a	0 to 5
7b	5 to 10
8a	10 to 15
8b	15 to 20

# Vines



Vines have many uses in the landscape. They may be used to soften unattractive walls and fences or to create exciting shadow patterns on blank surfaces. Many are desirable because of their evergreen foliage. Some have attractive flowers and/or berries to brighten or accent a landscape feature or attract wildlife. Vines provide attractive screening and privacy when used on trellises and fences.

As a general rule, residential building lots are becoming smaller, and appropriate plant material must be selected if the valuable space is to be used to best advantage. This class of plants is very useful in small gardens where planting space is limited.

## **Characteristics**

***Antigonon leptopus* / CORAL VINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone: 8**

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Blooms in late summer with coral-pink flowers.

***Bignonia capreolata* / CROSS VINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Red, orange or yellow spring flowers.

***Clematis armandii* / ARMAND CLEMATIS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Large glossy leaves, fragrant white spring flowers.

***Clematis x jackmanii* / JACKMAN CLEMATIS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Large purple flowers.

***Clematis terniflora* / SWEETAUTUMN CLEMATIS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant white flowers in late summer.

**x *Fatshedra lizei* / FATSHEDRA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Growth Rate:** medium slow

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Semi-climbing shrub or vine. Needs support.

***Ficus pumila* / CLIMBING FIG**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Clings close to wall.

***Gelsemium rankinii* / SWAMP JESSAMINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Yellow, trumpet flowers spring and fall.

***Gelsemium sempervirens* / CAROLINA YELLOW JESSAMINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Yellow, trumpet-like flowers in spring. Hardy, one of our best vines.

***Hedera canarienseis* / ALGERIAN IVY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Very coarse foliage. Sun or semi-shade.

***Lonicera x heckrottii* / GOLDFLAME HONEYSUCKLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Coral-red flowers in summer.

***Lonicera sempervirens* / TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium



**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red, orange to yellow spring flowers.

***Parthenocissus quinquefolia* / VIRGINIA CREEPER\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Large palmately compound leaves. Good red fall color. Can become invasive.

***Parthenocissus tricuspidata* / BOSTON IVY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Lustrous three lobed leaves with good red fall color.

***Rosa banksiae* 'Lutea' / LADY BANKSROSE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Yellow double flowers.

***Rosa* species / CLIMBING ROSES**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Numerous varieties and colors. Subject to disease and insects.

***Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis* / SWEETBOX**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Bright green foliage for shady sites.

***Smilax lanceolata* / LANCELEAF GREENBRIER\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Bright green foliage for cutting.

***Trachelospermum asiaticum* / ASIATIC JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Foliage similar to *Vinca minor*.

***Trachelospermum jasminoides* / STAR or CONFEDERATE JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Good foliage. White fragrant flowers in spring. Variegated form available.

***Wisteria frutescens* / AMERICAN WISTERIA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Lilac purple late spring flowers. More restrained than others.

\* *Denotes native Georgia plant.*

**Ground Covers**



Ground covers are very versatile. In addition to sunny open locations, selected ground covers are especially useful on steep slopes and densely shaded areas where other plants are more difficult to establish and maintain. Many ground covers are excellent for preventing soil erosion; while others are helpful in carrying out design patterns. Evergreen ground covers are particularly useful in establishing both formal and informal designs in residential and public landscapes. Ground cover plants are usually more satisfactory in narrow planters than shrubs.

Ground cover usually ranges from a few inches to a foot or more in height. In the evergreen class, English ivy and common periwinkle have rich green foliage, making them particularly valuable in landscape design. Several of the recommended plants have attractive seasonal flowers. Certain ground covers may become invasive once they become established and require heavy maintenance to keep them in bounds. Ground covers are often cited as being low maintenance. However, they all require some maintenance such as weeding, pruning or fertilization to look their best.

## **Characteristics**

### ***Ajuga reptans* / CARPET BUGLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-4"

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Needs good drainage. Blue or white flowers.

### ***Ardisia japonica* / JAPANESE ARDISIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Excellent evergreen ground cover.

***Aspidistra elatior* / CAST IRON PLANT**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Exposure:** shade

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Drought tolerant, bold texture.

***Dryopteris ludovichiana* / SOUTHERN SHIELD FERN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 24-36"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Mass plantings, good green filler with fine texture.

***Cotoneaster species* / GROUNDCOVER COTONEASTER**

[SEE BELOW](#)

***Cyrtomium falcatum* / HOLLY FERN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Exposure:** semi-shade to shade

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green foliage.

***Festuca ovina* var. *glauca* / BLUE FESCUE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7a

**Exposure:** prefers some shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen ornamental grass

**Remarks:** Best with irrigation.

***Gardenia augusta* 'Radicans' / CREEPING GARDENIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Exposure:** sun to semi-shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Small, white, fragrant flowers in summer.

***Hedera canariensis* / ALGERIAN IVY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Exposure:** shade to sun

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8"

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Good ground cover.

***Helleborus orientalis* / LENTEN ROSE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6, 7

**Exposure:** semi-shade to shade

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 12-15"

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** White to rose colored flowers in January and February.

***Hemerocallis species* / DAYLILY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun to semi-shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous to evergreen

**Remarks:** Very hardy. Numerous flower colors.

***Hypericum calycium* / AARON'S BEARD ST. JOHNSWORT**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Exposure:** sun to semi-shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12"

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers in summer.

***Iberis sempervirens* / EVERGREEN CANDYTUFT**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Exposure:** sun to semi-shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** White flowers in spring.

***Juniperus chinensis* var. *sargentii* / SARGENT JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun



**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Very hardy. Good winter color. Needs good drainage.

***Juniperus conferta* / SHORE JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Hardy to sandy shore.

***Juniperus conferta* 'Blue Pacific' / BLUE PACIFIC JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Blue-gray foliage. Short vertical stems.

***Juniperus conferta* 'Emerald Sea' / EMERALD SEA JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Bright green foliage. Compact.

***Juniperus davurica* 'Expansa' / PARSONS JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Very hardy. Good winter color.

***Juniperus horizontalis* 'Plumosa Compacta' / ANDORRA COMPACTA JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Denser, more compact than Andorra.

***Juniperus horizontalis* 'Wiltonii' / BLUE RUG JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Hugs ground.

***Juniperus procumbens* / Japanese GARDEN JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Handsome in beds, terraces and slopes.

***Juniperus procumbens* 'Nana' / DWARF Japanese GARDEN JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8"

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Only spreading juniper suitable for restricted spaces.

***Ophiopogon japonicus* / DWARF LILYTURF or MONDO GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Exposure:** semi-shade to shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Hardy, makes dense mat.

***Ophiopogon japonicus* 'Nana' / DWARF MONDO GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Exposure:** semi-shade to shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Dwarf form.

***Pachysandra terminalis* / PACHYSANDRA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7a

**Exposure:** shade

**Texture:** medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-12"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Requires moist shade in heat.

***Phlox subulata* / MOSS PHLOX or THRIFT\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-8"

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Rose, white, lilac flowers.

***Santolina chamaecyparissus* / LAVENDER COTTON**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Good for hot, dry sites. Gray foliage, yellow-orange flowers.

***Santolina virens* / GREEN LAVENDER COTTON**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Good for hot, dry sites. Green foliage, orange flowers.

***Saxifraga stolonifera* / STRAWBERRY GERANIUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Exposure:** shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** White flowers in summer.

***Trachelospermum asiaticum* / ASIATIC JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Exposure:** sun to semi-shade

**Texture:** fine

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Excellent ground cover.

***Yucca filamentosa* / ADAM'S NEEDLE or BEARGRASS\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Exposure:** sun

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** White flower spikes in summer.

***Zamia integrifolia* / COONTIE PALM\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Exposure:** sun to shade

**Texture:** coarse

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** evergreen cycad

**Remarks:** Accent plant, native ground cover.

\* *Denotes native Georgia plant.*

\*\* *Can be grown in full sun in north Georgia with proper care. Should have partial shade or irrigation in south Georgia.*

## **Ornamental Grasses**



Ornamental grasses, long popular in certain European countries, are experiencing a rise in popularity among the southern gardeners. Grasses adapted to landscape plantings fall primarily into two categories: 1) the perennial grasses which with just a few exceptions, are large-growing, clump-type grasses; and 2) the annual grasses, utilized most often accents or drifts in the herbaceous border.

All of the grasses listed in this section are perennials except for two of the fountain grasses which are annuals. Except for the Blue Fescue (*Festuca ovina glauca*), a ground cover, all of the ornamental grasses are listed in this section.

Pampas grass is the most widely recognized ornamental grass. Pampas and the other selections in the ornamental group are used as specimen or accent plants, for contrast in shrub borders or herbaceous borders and for informal mass plantings.

All grasses die back to the ground in winter; consequently, all will need to be cut back to the ground before new growth emerges in spring. Despite this limitation, the taller-growing plants in this group make excellent seasonal screens and informal hedges. If properly handled, the flower or panicle portion of several selections make excellent material for dried arrangements.

## Characteristics

***Chasmanthium latifolium* / UPLAND SEA OATS\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state



**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 30-36"

**Spread:** 18-24"

**Panicle Length:** 8"

**Exposure:** sun to light shade

**Landscape Remarks:** Very attractive seed heads. Can become invasive.

**Cultural Remarks:** Will tolerate wet feet. Self sows. Shade for Zone 8.

***Cortaderia selloana* / PAMPAS GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Height:** 7-8'

**Spread:** 5-6'

**Panicle Length:** 20"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Male and female plants. Female has fuller plumes.

**Cultural Remarks:** Most drought tolerant.

***Cortaderia selloana* 'Nana' / DWARF PAMPAS GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Height:** 3'

**Spread:** 3.5-4'

**Panicle Length:** 2'

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** White female plumes.

**Cultural Remarks:** Very cold hardy.

***Elymus glaucus* / BLUE WILD RYE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Height:** 4-5'

**Spread:** 3-4'

**Panicle Length:** 10"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Bluish-gray foliage.

**Cultural Remarks:** Spreads slowly by rhizomes.

***Panicum virgatum* 'Prairie Sky' / PRAIRIE SKY SWITCH GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 4-5'

**Spread:** 3'

**Panicle Length:** 12"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Outstanding blue foliage on arching plant.

**Cultural Remarks:** Golden fall foliage.

***Pennisetum alopecuroides* / DWARF FOUNTAIN GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 24-30"

**Spread:** 2'

**Panicle Length:** 3"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Plumes less showy than annual species.

**Cultural Remarks:** Good companion for perennials.

***Pennisetum setaceum* / FOUNTAIN GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** an annual

**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 4-4.5'

**Spread:** 4'

**Panicle Length:** 12"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Rose colored foliage and panicles.

**Cultural Remarks:** Must replant every year.

***Pennisetum setaceum* 'Rubrum' / CRIMSON FOUNTAIN GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** an annual

**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 4-4.5'

**Spread:** 4'

**Panicle Length:** 12"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Crimson or burgundy foliage and panicles.

**Cultural Remarks:** Must replant every year.

***Pennisetum villosum* / FEATHERTOP GRASS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Height:** 2-3'

**Spread:** 2'

**Panicle Length:** 3"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Showy creamy panicles.

**Cultural Remarks:** Even with dead heading, blooms once per year.

***Saccharum ravennae* / RAVENNA GRASS (HARDY PAMPAS)**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Height:** 8-9'

**Spread:** 3-4'

**Panicle Length:** 20"

**Exposure:** sun

**Landscape Remarks:** Robust plant.

**Cultural Remarks:** Clump forming. Divide every 3-4 years.

++ *All Miscanthus have a very prominent white midrib.*

\* *Denotes native Georgia plant throughout this table.*

## Symbolic Forms of Shrubs



Oval



**Rounded**



**Irregular**



**Spreading**



## Weeping





**Upright**

**Small Shrubs: 1 to 5 Feet**



Contemporary homes seldom have any discernible foundation, consequently fewer tall-growing shrubs are needed. More of the plants selected for the base of this type of residence should come from these small shrubs. Small shrubs are also very useful in guarding against overcrowding and overgrowth. Many plants in this size range are also desirable for their mass foliage and/or flowering effects. In addition, they are valuable in small lots where ground space is at a premium.

The 1- to 2-foot size shrubs are particularly well suited for raised planters. The smaller, compact growing species are often used to stabilize design lines in formal gardens and for edging walks and plant beds.

Plants in the upper range of this class that reach 4 or 5 feet in height form an effective background for perennials and annuals.

## **Characteristics**

***Abelia* x 'Edward Goucher' / EDWARD GOUCHER ABELIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular to oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Lilac-pink flowers.

***Abelia x grandiflora* 'Sherwoodii' / SHERWOOD DWARF ABELIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular to spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** White flowers

***Aucuba japonica* 'Nana' / DWARF AUCUBA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** shade, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Attractive foliage and berries.

***Buxus microphylla* var. *japonica* / JAPANESE BOXWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Good color and easy to maintain.

***Buxus microphylla* var. *koreana* / KOREAN BOXWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Very hardy, useful for low hedges.

***Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa' / TRUE DWARF BOXWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-4'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Will grow large with age.

***Camellia hiemalis* / DWARF SASANQUA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading compact

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Foliage very similar to Sasanqua.

**Cultivars**

- Shi Shi Gashira (Beni-Kan-Tsubaki)
  - Flower: Red
  - Flower Form: Double-formal to rose form
  - Remarks: More compact.
- Showa-No-Sakae (Usubeni)
  - Flower: Soft pink
  - Flower Form: Semi-double to double rose form
  - Remarks: Suitable for espaliering

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* var. *drupacea* / JAPANESE PLUM YEW**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Vase-shaped. Shade in Zone 8.

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Fastigiata' / UPRIGHT PLUM YEW**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to fine

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** conifer

**Remarks:** Accent for restricted spaces. Shade in Zone 8.

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Prostrata' / SPREADING PLUM YEW**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-4"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Prostrate in habit. Shade in Zone 8.

***Chaenomeles japonica* / JAPANESE FLOWERING QUINCE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 30-36"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Orange or scarlet red flowers in spring.

***Chamaerops humilis* / EUROPEAN FAN PALM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright-clumping

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen palm

**Remarks:** Multi-trunk due to suckers.

***Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird' / HUMMINGBIRD SUMMERSWEET\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White fragrant flowers in mid summer.

***Cotoneaster dammeri* / BEARBERRY COTONEASTER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 12-18"

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Some cultivars reach 4' tall. Susceptible to mites.

***Cotoneaster horizontalis* / ROCKSPRAY COTONEASTER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine



**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Fish-bone branching pattern. Susceptible to mites.

***Daphne odora* / WINTER DAPHNE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Flowers in winter. Temperamental plant.

***Deutzia gracilis* / SLENDER DEUTZIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium to fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Very hardy with pale green foliage.

***Fothergilla gardenii* 'Mt. Airy' / MT. AIRY FOTHERGILLA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-5'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Abundant white spring flowers, great fall color.

***Gardenia augusta* 'Radicans' / CREEPING GARDENIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 18-24"

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Fragrant white flowers.

***Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' / ANNABELLE HYDRANGEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Large heads of white flowers in early summer.

***Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Pia' / PIA FRENCH HYDRANGEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** A true dwarf with heavy flowering.

***Ilex vomitoria* 'Nana' / DWARF YAUPON HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Hardy tough shrub. New growth green.

***Ilex vomitoria* 'Schillings' / SCHILLINGS DWARF YAUPON\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded to spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** New growth is red.

***Ilex vomitoria* Bordeaux™ / BORDEAUX DWARF YAUPON\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** New growth on branch tips is red.

***Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' / HENRY'S GARNET SWEETSPIRE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Great fall color, tolerates moist sites.

***Jasminum floridum* / SHOWY JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** weeping

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers in spring.

***Jasminum nudiflorum* / WINTER JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** weeping

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers late winter. Tenacious shrub.

***Juniperus* species / SPREADING JUNIPERS**

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***Leucothoe axillaris* / COASTAL LEUCOTHOE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** weeping to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Good drainage on moist locations required.

***Leucothoe fontanesiana* / DROOPING LEUCOTHOE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** weeping to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic or small gardens with good drainage on moist sites.

***Mahonia fortunei* / CHINESE MAHONIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Graceful evergreen in well drained sites.

***Nandina domestica* 'Firepower' / FIREPOWER DWARF NANDINA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** fine to medium

**Normal Georgia Height:** 1-2'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Red fall color. Mass plantings.

***Nandina domestica* 'Harbour Dwarf' / HARBOUR DWARF NANDINA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Spreads by rhizomes.

***Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'Rotundifolius' / LITTLE LEAF TEA OLIVE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-5'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen for restricted spaces.

***Pinus mugo* var. *mugo* / MUGO PINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow



**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Use grafted plants only for dwarf form.

***Pittosporum tobira* 'Wheeler's Dwarf' / WHEELER DWARF PITTOSPORUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass plantings or low borders.

***Prunus laurocerasus* 'Otto Luyken' / OTTO LUYKEN LAUREL**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass plantings.

***Prunus laurocerasus* 'Schipkaensis' / SCHIP LAUREL**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic or mass.

***Punica granatum* var. *nana* / DWARF POMEGRANATE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright-irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red-orange flowers and fruits.

***Rhaphiolepis* species / INDIAN HAWTHORNS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading to rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Glossy foliage, white or pink flowers. Questionable hardiness in Zone 7.

**Cultivars**

- 'Clara'
  - Flower: White
  - Height: 3-4'
- 'Eleanor Taber'
  - Flower: Pink
- 'Georgia Charm'
  - Flower: White
  - Height: 3-4'
- 'Georgia Petite'
  - Flower: Light pink
  - Height: 2-3'
- 'Olivia'
  - Flower: White
  - Height: 4-5'
- 'Snow White'
  - Flower: White
  - Height: 2-3'

***Rhododendron* species / GLEN DALE HYBRID AZALEAS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright-spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass flowering effects.

**Cultivars**

- Cultivars include several hundred that offer great range in color and blooming season.

***Rhododendron* species / GUMPO AZALEAS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12"

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Late season, large, white or pink flowers.

***Rhododendron* species / KURUME AZALEAS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass flowering effects.

**Cultivars**

- 'Christmas Cheer'
  - Flower: Brilliant red
- 'Coral Bells'
  - Flower: Shell pink
- 'Flame'
  - Flower: Orange red
- 'Hershey Red'
  - Flower: Bright red
- 'Hexe'
  - Flower: Red
- 'Hino Crimson'
  - Flower: Red
- 'Hinodegiri'
  - Flower: Vivid Red
- 'Mothers Day'
  - Flower: Red
- 'Pink Pearl'
  - Flower: Salmon rose
- 'Salmon Beauty'
  - Flower: Salmon pink

***Rhododendron* species / GIRARD HYBRID AZALEAS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded to spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-5'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Cold hardy and striking flower color.

***Rosa* (Floribunda) / FLORIBUNDA ROSE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Mass flowering effects.

***Rosmarinus officinalis* / ROSEMARY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Grayish foliage. Requires well drained soils.

***Ruscus aculeatus* / BUTCHER'S BROOM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 2-3'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen accent in low border.

***Santolina species* / LAVENDER COTTON**

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***Spiraea thunbergii* / THUNBERG SPIREA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 3-4'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Masses, borders.

*\* Denotes native Georgia plant.*

**Medium Shrubs: 5 to 8 Feet**



Shrubs in this size range are most useful for hedges, screening and backgrounds, for large scale foundation plantings and large mass plantings. Some species have enough good qualities to serve as specimen plants.

A number of the better flowering and berry-producing shrubs fall within this medium size range. When planted in groups, some these flowering shrubs are particularly useful for seasonal highlights.

Many plants are grown for foliage rather than for flowers. Variations in foliage color range from glossy green to light gray. Be mindful that plants having variegated leaves are somewhat difficult to harmonize with other plants.

## Characteristics

***Abelia x grandiflora* / GLOSSY ABELIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded



**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Hedge plant.

***Aucuba japonica* / JAPANESE AUCUBA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Green and variegated foliage.

***Berberis julianae* / WINTERGREEN BARBERRY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Rich green foliage, thorns.

***Buddleia davidii* / BUTTERFLY BUSH**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant summer flowers attract butterflies.

***Buxus sempervirens* / COMMON BOXWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Useful in formal paintings.

***Callistemon citrinus* / CRIMSON BOTTLEBRUSH**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Flowers very showy.

***Calycanthus floridus* / SWEET SHRUB\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant flowers.

***Chaenomeles speciosa* / FLOWERING QUINCE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White, pink to red flowers.

***Clethra alnifolia* 'Ruby Spice' / RUBY SPICE SUMMERSWEET**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Pink fragrant flowers, moist soils.

***Cycas revoluta* / SAGO PALM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen cycad

**Remarks:** Single or multi-trunk specimens.

***Fatsia japonica* / JAPANESE FATSIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen. Zone 7 with protection.

***Forsythia x intermedia* / BORDER FORSYTHIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow spring flowers.

***Gardenia jasminoides* / CAPE JASMINE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Fragrant white flowers.

***Hydrangea macrophylla* / FRENCH HYDRANGEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red, pink, blue and white flowering types.

***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Grandiflora' / PEE GEE HYDRANGEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Flowers open white, turn pink, then bronze.

***Ilex cornuta* 'Dwarf Burford' / DWARF BURFORD HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Foundations. Glossy foliage.

***Ilex crenata* 'Hetzii' / HETZ HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green foliage.

***Ilex crenata* 'Sky Pencil' / SKY PENCIL HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Narrow and strongly upright.

***Ilex glabra* 'Nigra' / NIGRA INKBERRY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Borders, naturalistic areas and wet sites.

***Juniperus chinensis* 'Pfitzeriana' / PFITZER JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Mass planting sunny slopes.



***Kalmia latifolia* / MOUNTAIN LAUREL\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic gardens.

***Lagerstroemia* x 'Tonto' / TONTO CrapeMyrtle**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red flowering specimen or border shrub.

***Lagerstroemia indica* 'Victor' / VICTOR CrapeMyrtle**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 4-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Compact form with dark red flowers in July.

***Lonicera nitida* / BOX LEAF HONEYSUCKLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Attractive foliage.

***Loropetalum chinense* var. *rubrum* 'Ruby' / RUBY FRINGE FLOWER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Bright pink and spring bloom. New leaves ruby red.

***Myrica cerifera* 'Fairfax' / FAIRFAX WAXMYRTLE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Compact form with good foliage.

***Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'Gulftide' / GULFTIDE TEA-OLIVE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen or hedge.

***Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'Variegatus' / VARIEGATED FALSE HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Leaf margins creamy white.

***Philadelphus* x 'Natchez' / NATCHEZ MOCKORANGE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Large white flowers.

***Pieris japonica* / JAPANESE PIERIS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-6'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic. Sun possible in mountains.

***Pyracantha koidzumii* 'Low-Dense' / LOW-DENSE PYRACANTHA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Berries hidden by foliage.

***Rhaphiolepis umbellata* / YEDDO HAWTHORN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** upright to rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Nice texture and dark green foliage with spring flowers.

***Rhododendron arborescens* / SWEET AZALEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant white to pink flowers.

***Rhododendron austrinum* / FLORIDA AZALEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant yellow cream to orange flowers.

***Rhododendron calendulaceum* / FLAME AZALEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Flowers yellow to orange and scarlet.

***Rhododendron simsii* / SOUTHERN INDIAN AZALEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass plantings, borders.

**Cultivars**

- 'Elegans'
  - Flower: Pink
- 'Fielders White'
  - Flower: White
- 'Fisher Pink'
  - Flower: Light pink
- 'Formosa'
  - Flower: Purple
- 'George Lindsey Tabor'
  - Flower: Light pink effect
- 'G. G. Gerbing'
  - Flower: White
- 'Iveryana'
  - Flower: White to rose
- 'Judge Solomon'
  - Flower: Pink
- 'Lawsal'
  - Flower: Salmon pink

- 'President Clay'
  - Flower: Red
- 'Pride of Mobile'
  - Flower: Deep rose pink
- 'Southern Charm'
  - Flower: Pink

***Spiraea x vanhouttei* / VANHOUTTE SPIREA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Arching branches of mass white flowers.

***Trachycarpus fortunei* / CHINESE or FORTUNES WINDMILL PALM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** evergreen palm

**Remarks:** Specimen. Slender trunk with fibrous cover.



***Viburnum x burkwoodi* / BURKWOOD VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant white spring flowers.

***Viburnum suspensum* / SANDANKWA VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Mass plantings. Borders.

***Weigela florida* / WEIGELA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Borders for spring flowers.

***Yucca gloriosa* / MOUND-LILY YUCCA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 6-8'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Pale green spine tipped foliage.

*\* Denotes native Georgia plant.*

## **Large Shrubs: 8 Feet and Up**



There are many excellent plants in the large shrub class which are particularly useful as heavy screening and hedging or as specimens because of their outstanding foliage, flower or fruit. Plants in this category have limited use as foundation plants because of their ultimate size.

Because of the ultimate size of several plants in this group, they are also listed in the "small trees" section that follows. Many times the actual use or pruning of a landscape plant determines whether it is classified as a large shrub or a small tree.

These plant adapt well for use in parks, public grounds and other large-scale landscape developments, but use them with caution in the restricted spaces of small landscapes.

## **Characteristics**

***Acca sellowiana (Feijoa sellowiana) / PINEAPPLE GUAVA***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Grayish foliage. Hedges and borders.

***Aesculus parviflora* / BOTTLEBRUSH BUCKEYE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen, naturalistic settings.

***Agarista populifolia*\* / FLORIDA LEUCOTHOE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic settings.

***Camellia japonica* / JAPANESE CAMELLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** rounded to oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen.

## **Cultivars that produce cold hardy flower buds**

- 'Adolphe Audusson Var.'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'Are-jishi'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Bernice Boddy'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Daikagura'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Daikagura Var.'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'Donckelari'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'Dr. Tinsley'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Firebrand'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Flame'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Gov. Mouton'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Gulio Nuccio'
  - Flower Color: Red
- 'Gulio Nuccio Var.'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'High Hat'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Kumasaka'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Lady Clare'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Magnoliaeflora'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Rev. John G. Drayton'
  - Flower Color: Pink
- 'Tricolor'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'Ville de Nantes'
  - Flower Color: Variegated
- 'White Daikagura'
  - Flower Color: White
- 'White Empress'
  - Flower Color: White

## ***Camellia sasanqua* / SASANQUA CAMELLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular to upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Good foliage and flowers. Hedges, borders.

### **Cultivars**

- 'Bettie Patricia'
  - Flower Color: Light pink
  - Flower Form: Rose form, double
  - Plant Form: Upright to spreading
- 'Bonanza'
  - Flower Color: Deep red
  - Flower Form: Semi-peony
  - Plant Form: Compact form
- 'Cleopatra'
  - Flower Color: Rose pink
  - Flower Form: Semi-double
  - Plant Form: Compact to spreading
- 'Cotton Candy'
  - Flower Color: Pink
  - Flower Form: Semi-double, large
  - Plant Form: Loose, upright to spreading
- 'Jean May'
  - Flower Color: Shell pink
  - Flower Form: Semi-double to double, large
  - Plant Form: Upright to spreading
- 'Mine-No-Yuki'
  - Flower Color: White
  - Flower Form: Double, large
  - Plant Form: Irregular to spreading

- 'Pink Snow'
  - Flower Color: Light pink
  - Flower Form: Semi-double, large
  - Plant Form: Irregular young, Compact older upright
- 'Setsugekka'
  - Flower Color: White
  - Flower Form: Semi-double, large ruffled petals
  - Plant Form: Upright
- 'Sparkling Burgundy'
  - Flower Color: Ruby rose
  - Flower Form: Peony form, large
  - Plant Form: Irregular to spreading
- 'Yuletide'
  - Flower Color: Red
  - Flower Form: Single
  - Plant Form: Upright

***Camellia vernalis* / VERNAL CAMELLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** 'Dawn' blooms September-March.

***Chimonanthus praecox* / WINTERSWEET**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant January flowers.

***Hamamelis x intermedia* / HYBRID WITCH HAZEL**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright spreading

**Normal Georgia Height:** 12-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red to yellow, winter to spring flowering.

***Hamamelis virginiana* / COMMON WITCH HAZEL\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 12-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous



**Remarks:** Naturalistic sites.

***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Tardiva' / TARDIVA HYDRANGEA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Showy white flowers in late summer.

***Hydrangea quercifolia* / OAKLEAF HYDRANGEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Naturalistic. Large white flowers, wine red fall color.

***Ilex* x 'Mary Nell' / MARY NELL HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright pyramid

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** sun, semi-shade broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Glossy foliage with bright red fruits.

***Ilex* x 'Emily Bruner' / EMILY BRUNER HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Normal Georgia Height:** 12-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark foliage with large red berries.

***Ilex* x 'Nellie R. Stevens' / NELLIE R. STEVENS HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark foliage with large red berries.

***Ilex x attenuata* 'Fosteri' / FOSTER'S HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright pyramid

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen or hedges with red berries.

***Ilex cassine* / DAHOON HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Hedges, borders.

***Ilex cornuta* 'Burfordii' / BURFORD HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** oval

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen or hedges with heavy red fruit.

***Ilex cornuta* 'Anicet Delcambre' / NEEDLE POINT HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Excellent for screens and hedges.

***Ilex latifolia* / LUSTERLEAF HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright pyramidal

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen or espalier with bold foliage.

***Ilex myrtifolia* / MYRTLE HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic. Berries red, orange or yellow.

***Ilex vomitoria* / YAUPON HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Hedges, borders. Clipped effects.

***Illicium parviflorum* / SMALL ANISE-TREE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Light green fragrant foliage.

***Illicium floridanum* / FLORIDA ANISE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Naturalistic.

***Juniperus chinensis* 'Torulosa' / HOLLYWOOD JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Juniperus chinensis* 'Robusta Green' / ROBUSTA GREEN JUNIPER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Loropetalum chinense* var. *rubrum* / PINK CHINESE FRINGE FLOWER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular, rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Bright pink spring flowers.

***Michelia figo* / BANANA SHRUB**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Fragrant flowers.

***Myrica cerifera* / SOUTHERN WAXMYRTLE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Borders, hedges and screens.

***Nerium oleander* / OLEANDER**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval



**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Red, white and pink summer flowers. Poisonous plant.

***Osmanthus americanus* / DEVILWOOD OSMANTHUS\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Borders, naturalistic sites.

***Osmanthus x fortunei* / FORTUNE'S OSMANTHUS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Tough border or specimen plant.

***Osmanthus fragrans* / SWEET OSMANTHUS or TEA OLIVE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Fragrant, specimen.

***Osmanthus heterophyllus* / HOLLY OSMANTHUS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Foundations, hedges, borders.

***Pittosporum tobira* / TOBIRA PITTOSPORUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Glossy, green foliage.

***Podocarpus macrophyllus* / SOUTHERN YEW, CHINESE PODOCARPUS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Foundations, hedges or borders.

***Podocarpus macrophyllus* 'Maki' / CHINESE PODOCARPUS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Smaller leaves.

***Punica granatum* / POMEGRANATE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen. Orange flowers.

***Pyracantha koidzumii* / FORMOSA FIRETHORN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-12'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Large red berries.

***Pyracantha* x 'Mohave' / MOHAVE FIRETHORN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Masses of orange red fruit.

***Rhododendron canescens* / PIEDMONT AZALEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White, pink to rose flowers.

***Rhododendron prunifolium* / PLUMLEAF AZALEA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Flowers orange red in July and August.

***Rhododendron maximum* / ROSEBAY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Rhododendron* (Hybrids) / HYBRID RHODODENDRONS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** oval to rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade, shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Require excellent drainage. Use H-1 and H-2 hybrids.

***Syringa vulgaris* / COMMON LILAC**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7a

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Fragrant, lilac flowers.

***Ternstroemia gymnanthera (Cleyera japonica) / JAPANESE CLEYERA***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7b, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Glossy foliage.

***Viburnum awabuki / AWABUKI VIBURNUM***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Lustrous dark green foliage.

***Viburnum odoratissimum* / SWEET VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Borders, hedges.

***Viburnum opulus* 'Roseum' / EUROPEAN SNOWBALL VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Borders. "Snowball" flower clusters.



***Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum* / DOUBLEFILE VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Abundant snow white spring blooms.

***Viburnum* x *rhytidophyllum* / LEATHERLEAF VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green foliage. Borders.

***Viburnum tinus* / LAURUSTINUS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Borders, screening.

***Viburnum trilobum* / AMERICAN CRANBERRY BUSH VIBURNUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red fruit in fall.

***Yucca aloifolia* / SPANISH DAGGER\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Normal Georgia Height:** 8-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Exposure:** sun, semi-shade

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Hardy. White flowers.

\* *Denotes native Georgia plant.*

## **Symbolic Forms of Trees**

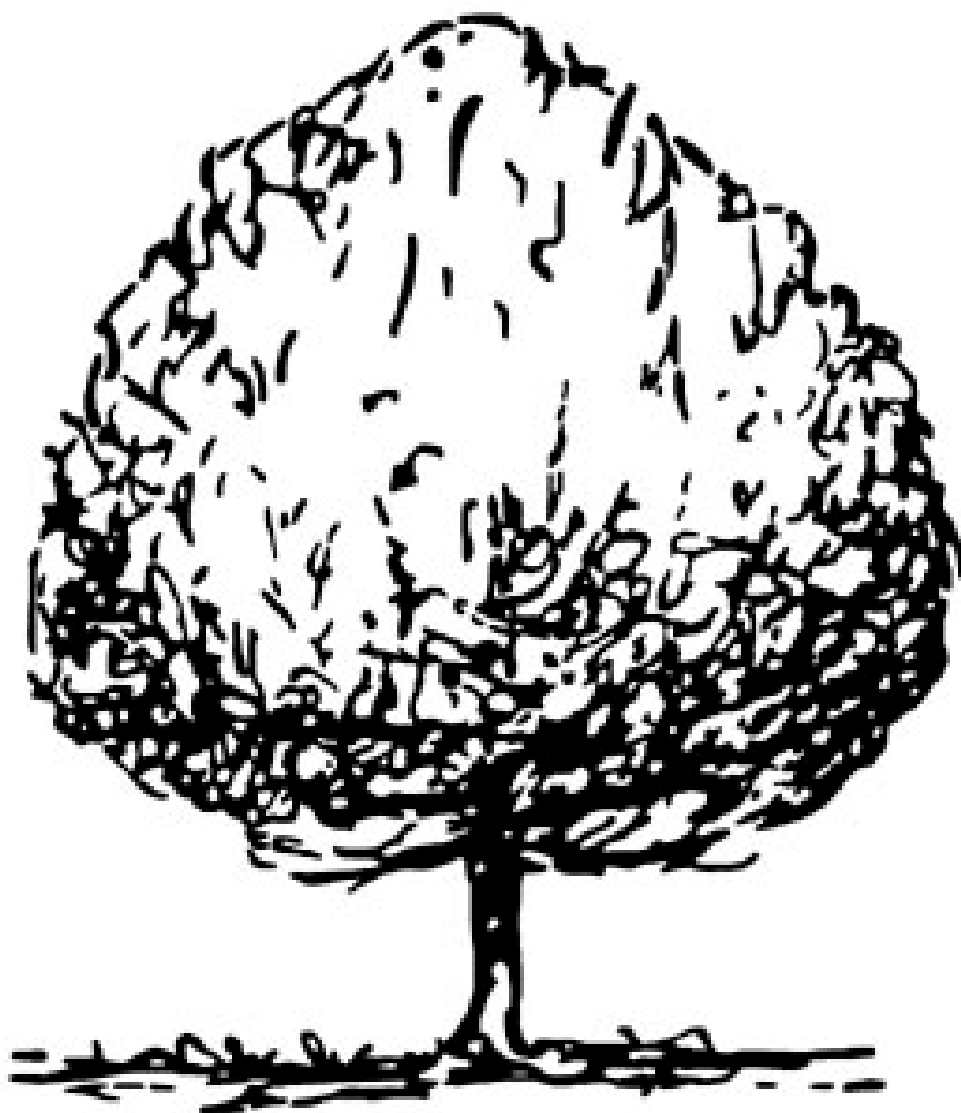




## Upright



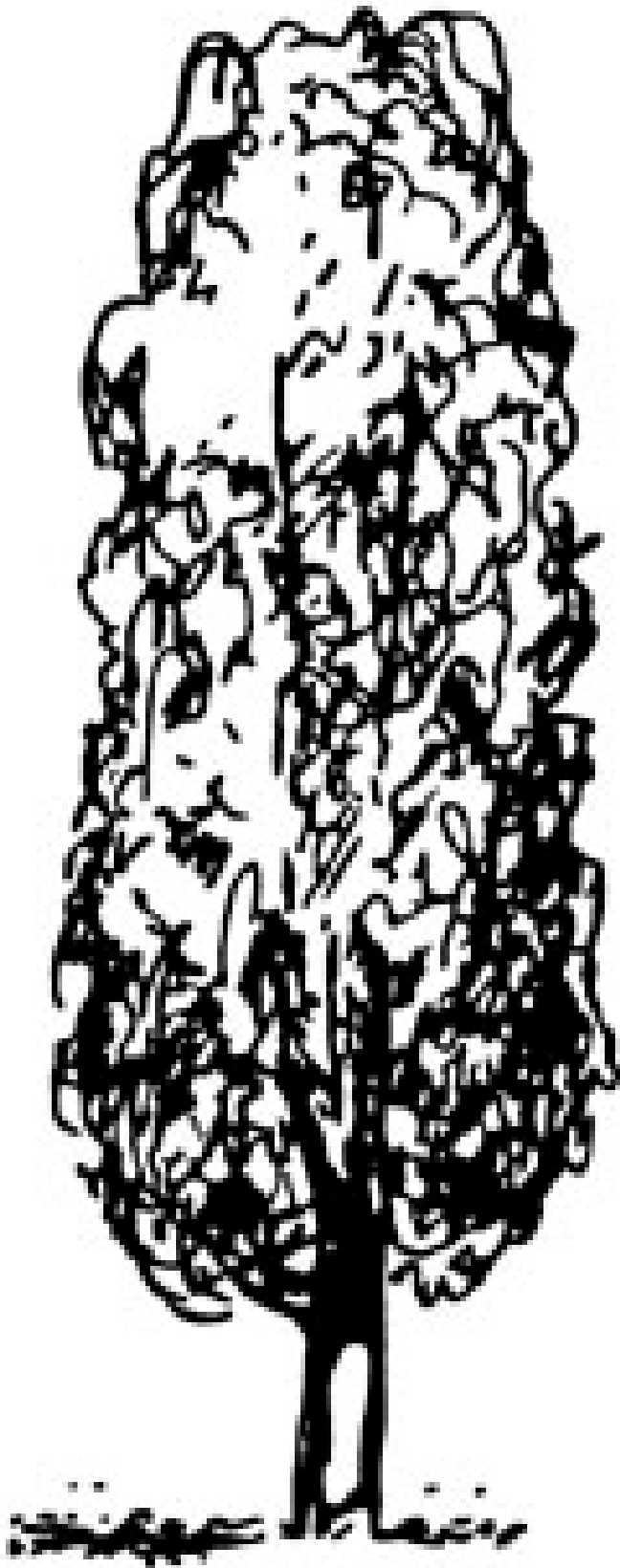
## Pyramidal



## Round







## Columnar



## Oval



**Vase**



**Weeping**



**Spreading**

**Small Trees: 10 to 40 feet**



Small trees are important plants in a landscape since, with a minimum of maintenance, they provide outstanding foliage, flowers and fruits for gardens and public areas. Trees with interesting branching habits are often used as accents in the landscape. Some small evergreen trees provide good year round foliage. Some deciduous trees in this group provide good fall color.

Small trees have a place in landscape plans for small lots and houses. They provide proper scale for small areas where often one tree would serve more adequately than several shrubs. Several trees in this size group are good for high backgrounds and screening, providing a taller barrier than shrubs.

## **Characteristics**

### ***Acer buergerianum* / TRIDENT MAPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 20-35'

**Spread:** 15-25'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen or naturalistic sites. Tough tree for urban sites.

### ***Acer palmatum* / JAPANESE MAPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimens with red or green foliage.

***Amelanchier arborea* / SERVICEBERRY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Borders. White flowers in early spring.

***Butia capitata* / PINDO PALM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** weeping

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen palm

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Carpinus caroliniana* / AMERICAN HORNBEAM\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Tough, urban tolerant tree. Wet site tolerant.

***Cedrus deodara* / DEODAR CEDAR**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 30-50'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen, screening.

***Cercis canadensis* / EASTERN REDBUD\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 20-30'



**Spread:** 18-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Spring flowering.

***Cercis chinensis* / CHINESE REDBUD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-12'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Small spring flowering tree.

***Cercis reniformis* 'Oklahoma' / OKLAHOMA REDBUD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Glossy foliage with rosy red spring flowers.

***Chionanthus retusus* / CHINESE FRINGE TREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading

**Height:** 15-25'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Bright white spring flowers.

***Chionanthus virginicus* / WHITE FRINGE TREE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** irregular

**Height:** 12-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White spring flowers.

***Cladrastis kentukea* / AMERICAN YELLOWWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 25-30'

**Spread:** 10-12'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White flowers and yellow fall color. Specimen.

***Cornus florida* / FLOWERING DOGWOOD\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 15-25'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen or masses.

***Cornus kousa* / KOUSA DOGWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 15-25'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen or small grove.

***Crataegus phaenopyrum* / WASHINGTON HAWTHORNE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to rounded

**Height:** 25-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red berries in fall.

***Eriobotrya japonica* / LOQUAT**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 10-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth** medium to fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green foliage with bold features.

***Halesia tetraptera* / SILVERBELL\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 8a

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White flowers.

***Ilex* x 'Nellie R. Stevens' / NELLIE R. STEVENS HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 10-20'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen, screening.

***Ilex* x *attenuata* / HYBRID HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** upright pyramidal

**Height:** 10-40'

**Spread:** 6-15'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen, screening. Red berries.

**Cultivars**

- 'East Palatka'
  - Remarks: Leaves single spined.
- 'Fosteri'
  - Remarks: Very pyramidal and dense.
- 'Savannah'
  - Remarks: Light green foliage.

***Ilex cassine* / CASSINE HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 10-20'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Screening.

***Ilex opaca* / AMERICAN HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 20-50'

**Spread:** 15-30'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green foliage. Specimen, screening.

***Ilex opaca* 'Greenleaf' / GREENLEAF HOLLY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** pyramidal upright

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Compact habit of growth.

***Ilex vomitoria* / YAUPON HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** irregular

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Screening with bright red fruit.

***Ilex vomitoria* 'Pendula' / WEEPING YAUPON HOLLY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** weeping

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth:** medium to fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Distinctive weeping habit.

***Juniperus virginiana* / RED CEDAR\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 25-40'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** slow

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Screen.

***Koelreuteria bipinnata* / CHINESE FLAMETREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'



**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers followed by pink pods.

***Koelreuteria paniculata* / GOLDENRAIN TREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 8a

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers in early summer.

***Lagerstroemia indica* / COMMON CRAPEMYRTLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 6-30'

**Spread:** 4-15'

**Growth:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White, pink, lavender or red flowers. Powdery mildew and aphids may become a problem.

***Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* / HYBRID Crape Myrtle**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 15-30'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White, pink, lavender or red flowers. Hybrids have mildew resistance and bloom longer.

***Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem' / LITTLE GEM SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** evergreen

**Remarks:** Dark green evergreen foliage on compact plant.

***Magnolia soulangiana* / JAPANESE MAGNOLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Pink saucer-like blooms.

***Magnolia stellata* / STAR MAGNOLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 12-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** slow to medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White flowers.

***Magnolia virginiana* / SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-20'

**Growth:** slow

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** White flowers in summer.

***Malus* x 'Dolgo' / DOLGO CRABAPPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** White flowers followed by red to purple fruits. Disease resistant.

***Malus floribunda* / JAPANESE CRABAPPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Pinkish-red flowers fading to white. Fruit yellow, red. Mostly disease resistant.

***Malus* 'Callaway' / CALLAWAY CRABAPPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Pink buds, white flowers. Large 1" reddish fruit. Disease resistant.

***Oxydendrum arboreum* / SOURWOOD\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 25-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Red fall color.

***Parkinsonia aculeata* / JERUSALEM THORN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** spreading

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 20-25'

**Growth:** rapid

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow flowers in spring and summer.

***Phoenix canariensis* / CANARY DATE PALM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 12-18'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** evergreen palm

**Remarks:** Used as accent specimen.

***Pinus virginiana* / VIRGINIA PINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 20-40'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Good for screening.

***Pistacia chinensis* / CHINESE PISTACHE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow to bright orange-red fall color. Hardy and heat tolerant

***Prunus* x 'Okame' / OKAME CHERRY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Early spring rosy pink blooms.

***Prunus caroliniana* / CAROLINA CHERRYLAUREL\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Susceptible to ice damage.

***Prunus cerasifera* 'Thundercloud' / PURPLELEAF PLUM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Purplish foliage.

***Prunus mume* / JAPANESE APRICOT**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Height:** 15-20'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Blooms very early in spring.



***Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan' / KWANZAN CHERRY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Deep pink double blooms.

***Prunus subhirtella* var. *autumnalis* / FALL BLOOMING CHERRY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** spreading

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 15-25'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Prunus* x *yedoensis* / YOSHINO CHERRY**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 8a

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** weeping

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Quercus myrsinifolia* / CHINESE EVERGREEN OAK**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth:** slow

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Screen, specimen or small street tree.

***Salix babylonica* / WEEPING WILLOW**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** weeping

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa' / CONTORTED WILLOW**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** weeping

**Height:** 20-30'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Short-lived.

***Sabal palmetto* / CABBAGE PALMETTO**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 8-10'

**Growth:** medium

**Class:** evergreen palm

**Remarks:** Specimen, groups.

***Vitex agnus-castus* / CHASTETREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** vase-shaped, spreading

**Height:** 10-15'

**Spread:** 10-15'

**Growth:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Blue flowers in mid summer. White and pink flower forms available.

*\* Denotes native Georgia plant.*

**Large Trees: 40 feet and Up**



In the Deep South, the foliage of trees provides protection from the hot summer sun, making them a welcome addition to the landscape. They are the largest and the most permanent plant in the landscape. Therefore, large trees should be chosen with care.

Hardiness and disease and insect resistance are important considerations. Some of the trees commonly planted in Georgia should not be used because of undesirable characteristics.

Trees are important in parks and naturalistic developments, useful for screening and windbreaks, and provide shade and ornament for streets and highways. Many large trees may be used for specimens, displaying outstanding form, foliage or flowers. Another ornamental value of some large deciduous trees is fall color.

## **Characteristics**

### ***Acer rubrum* 'Franks Red' / RED SUNSET RED MAPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 45-50'

**Spread:** 35-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree with bright red fall color.

### ***Acer rubrum* 'October Glory' / OCTOBER GLORY RED MAPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval rounded

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree with excellent late red fall color.

***Acer saccharum* / SUGAR MAPLE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 50-60'

**Spread:** 25-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow to reddish fall color. Shade tree.

***Acer saccharum* ssp. *floridanum* / SOUTHERN SUGAR MAPLE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tolerant. Usually yellow fall color.

***Acer saccharum* 'Legacy' / LEGACY SUGAR MAPLE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Drought resistant with dark green leathery leaves.

***Betula nigra* 'BNMTF' / DURA-HEAT RIVER BIRCH**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen with good heat tolerance.

***Betula nigra* 'Cully' / HERITAGE RIVER BIRCH**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'



**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen.

***Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata' / UPRIGHT EUROPEAN HORNBEAM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval-vase

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Narrow when young, spreads with age.

***Carya illinoensis* / PECAN**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 50-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Nuts and shade. Branches subject to breakage.

***Cedrus atlantica* / ATLAS CEDAR**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 25-30'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen tree.

***Celtis laevigata* / SUGAR HACKBERRY\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright to rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Street and shade tree.

***Cercidiphyllum japonicum* / KATSURA TREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree, requires ample moisture.

***Cinnamomum lanceolata* / CAMPHORTREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8b

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Screening. May self sow.

***Cryptomeria japonica* 'Yoshino' / JAPANESE CRYTOMERIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 50-60'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen and screening.

***Cupressocyparis leylandii* / LEYLAND CYPRESS**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 50-60'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen and screening.

***Fagus grandifolia* / AMERICAN BEECH\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 35-45'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree.

***Ginkgo biloba* / GINKGO or MAIDEN HAIR TREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** irregular

**Height:** 50-70'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** very slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow fall color. Specimen. Select male trees.

***Liquidambar styracifula* SWEETGUM\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 40-50'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow to orange to purple fall color. Specimen.

***Liriodendron tulipifera* / TULIPTREE or YELLOW POPLAR\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 80-100'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree, needs adequate moisture.

***Magnolia grandiflora* / SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** horizontal branching pyramidal

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 40-50'

**Growth Rate:** slow to medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Specimen with large white flowers.

***Magnolia grandiflora* 'Bracken's Brown Beauty' / BRACKEN'S BROWN BEAUTY  
MAGNOLIA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 15-30'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Compact, dense pyramidal specimen.

***Metasequoia glyptostroboides* / DAWN REDWOOD**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 80-100'

**Spread:** 25-30'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen or screen, tolerant of wet sites.

***Nyssa sylvatica* / BLACK TUPELO\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** oval

**Height:** 40-50'

**Spread:** 25-30'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Naturalistic gardens.

***Pinus elliottii* / SLASH PINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 80-100'

**Spread:** 15-20'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Mass plantings.

***Pinus palustris* / LONGLEAF PINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 80-100'

**Spread:** 20-25'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Mass plantings.

***Pinus strobus* / WHITE PINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 50-80'

**Spread:** 20-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen or screening tree.



***Pinus taeda* / LOBLOLLY PINE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** horizontal branching

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Mass plantings and screening.

***Platanus occidentalis* / SYCAMORE or PLANETREE\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 80-100'

**Spread:** 40-50'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree.

***Platanus x acerifolia* / LONDON PLANETREE**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** upright

**Height:** 70-100'

**Spread:** 50-60'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree with urban tolerance.

***Quercus alba* / WHITE OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium to coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 60-100'

**Spread:** 40-60'

**Growth Rate:** slow

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree, difficult to transplant.

***Quercus coccinea* / SCARLET OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Scarlet fall color. Shade.

***Quercus falcata* / SOUTHERN RED OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** coarse

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 70-80'

**Spread:** 30-60'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Sheds old leaves in early spring. Shade tree.

***Quercus hemisphaerica* / LAUREL OAK or DARLINGTON OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 40-60'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Drought tolerant street tree.

***Quercus laurifolia* / SWAMP LAUREL OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** semi-evergreen

**Remarks:** Shade. Sheds leaves earlier than Laurel Oak.

***Quercus lyrata* / OVERCUP OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Transplants well, adapts to poor sites. Strong oval form when young.

***Quercus nigra* / WATER OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 50-80'

**Spread:** 40-50'

**Growth Rate:** medium to fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree.

***Quercus nuttallii* / NUTTALL OAK**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade tree with red fall color. Transplants well.

***Quercus palustris* / PIN OAK**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 50-60'

**Spread:** 25-40'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade or specimen tree.

***Quercus phellos* / WILLOW OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-60'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Yellow fall color, shade tree.

***Quercus shumardii* / SHUMARD OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** pyramidal to rounded

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 50-60'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Russet red fall color. Good street tree.

***Quercus virginiana* / LIVE OAK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 7, 8

**Texture:** medium

**Form:** rounded, spreading

**Height:** 40-80'

**Spread:** 60-100'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** broad-leaved evergreen

**Remarks:** Shade or specimen tree.

***Taxodium distichum* / BALD CYPRESS\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 50-70'

**Spread:** 20-30'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen with small bright green leaves.

***Tsuga canadensis* / CANADIAN HEMLOCK\***

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** 6b, 7

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** pyramidal

**Height:** 40-70'

**Spread:** 25-35'

**Growth Rate:** medium

**Class:** evergreen conifer

**Remarks:** Specimen, screening. Best in filtered shade in piedmont.

***Ulmus parvifolia* / TRUE CHINESE ELM or LACEBARK ELM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** vase shaped

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Quick shade. Often confused with Siberian elm.

***Ulmus parvifolia* 'Elmer I' / ATHENA LACEBARK ELM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** rounded

**Height:** 30-40'

**Spread:** 40-55'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen or shade for urban areas. Drought tolerant and pest free.

***Ulmus parvifolia* 'Elmer II' / ALLEE LACEBARK ELM**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine

**Form:** vase shaped

**Height:** 50-75'



**Spread:** 40-60'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Specimen or shade for urban areas. Drought tolerant and pest free.

***Zelkova serrata* 'Green Vase' / GREEN VASE JAPANESE ZELKOVA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** vase shaped

**Height:** 60-80'

**Spread:** 40-60'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Shade or street tree with fast growth.

***Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' / VILLAGE GREEN JAPANESE ZELKOVA**

**Georgia's Hardy Zone:** entire state

**Texture:** fine to medium

**Form:** vase shaped

**Height:** 40-60'

**Spread:** 30-40'

**Growth Rate:** fast

**Class:** deciduous

**Remarks:** Excellent street tree with rusty red fall color.

\* *Denotes a native Georgia plant.*

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