

Small Trees for Small Lots and Utility Areas

(including large shrubs*)



Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
Southern sugar maple	<i>Acer floridanum</i>	30 ft	Can eventually be taller in ideal conditions. Good fall color; host plant. Avoid areas near sidewalk. FS/PS BOTH
Flowering dogwood	<i>Benthamidia florida</i> (formerly <i>Cornus florida</i>)	30 ft	Showy mid-spring flowers; good fall color; fruit for birds. FS (if good moisture) or PS Range = BOTH
Musclewood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	30 ft	Good fall color; flowers are interesting but not showy. PS BOTH
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	30 ft	Showy spring flowers support native bees; cultivars may be smaller. FS/PS BOTH
Silverbell	<i>Halesia</i> spp.	30 ft	Showy late spring flowers. FS/PS BOTH
American holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	30 ft	Fruit for birds; cultivars may be smaller. FS/PS Evergreen BOTH
Hop hornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	30 ft	Flowers are interesting but not showy. PS BOTH
Chalkbark maple	<i>Acer leucoderme</i>	25 ft	Excellent fall color; host plant. PS BOTH
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.	25 ft	Some species can be smaller; good fall color; fruit for birds/humans; spring flowers. FS/PS Range = BOTH
American smoketree	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	25 ft	Showy flowers and seed sprays (the smoke). FS for best flowering. Range = NGA
Southern crabapple	<i>Malus angustifolia</i>	25 ft	Fragrant spring flowers; fruit for wildlife/humans. FS/PS BOTH
American plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	25 ft	White mid-spring flowers; fruit for wildlife/humans. FS/PS BOTH
Pagoda dogwood	<i>Swida alternifolia</i> (formerly <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>)	25 ft	Showy mid-spring flowers; elegant form; fruit for birds. FS (if good moisture) or PS BOTH
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	20 ft	Showy spring flowers; need male & female for fruit. FS/PS BOTH
Parsley hawthorn	<i>Crataegus marshallii</i>	20 ft	White mid-spring flowers; fruit for wildlife; good fall color. FS/PS BOTH
Witch-hazel*	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	20 ft	Unusual late winter flowers; good fall color. FS/PS BOTH
Yaupon holly*	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	20 ft	Fruit for birds; prune to tree form; cultivars may be smaller. FS/PS Evergreen BOTH
Red buckeye*	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	15 ft	Bright flowers support migrating hummingbirds. PS BOTH
Wax myrtle	<i>Morella cerifera</i>	15 ft	Evergreen; female plants have fruit for birds. FS/PS BOTH
Piedmont azalea*	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	15 ft	Fragrant spring flowers attract butterflies. PS BOTH
Winged sumac*	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>	15 ft	Good fall color; flowers support native bees; fruit for birds. FS/PS BOTH
Blackhaw viburnum*	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	15 ft	Good fall color; fruit for birds; spring flowers. FS/PS BOTH
Snowbell	<i>Styrax americanus</i> <i>Styrax grandifolius</i>	10 ft	Showy mid-spring flowers support native bees. FS/PS BOTH

FS = Full sun (6+ hours) PS = Partial Shade (<5 hours) NGA = suitable for North Georgia SGA = South Georgia BOTH = statewide

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