

NATIVE PLANT CHOICES¹

Evergreen Trees Over 15 Feet Tall

Species	Height	Spacing	Sun/Shade	Soil	Drainage
Buckwheat (Cliftonia monophylla)	30 feet	30 feet	All	Acid, sand	Moist to wet
Yaupon Holly (Ilex vomitoria)	20-25 feet	20 feet	All	Acid	Wet, moist, dry
Florida Anise (Illicium floridanum)	15-25 feet	10-20 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist to wet
Wax Myrtle (Myrica cerifera)	15-20 feet	20 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid, neutral	Wet to dry
Wild Olive (Osmanthus americanus)	15-25 feet	30 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid	Dry to moist
Redbay (Persea palustris)	15-40 feet	30 feet	Pm/sun	Acid, sand	Moist to dry
Sweetleaf (Symplocos tinctoria)	15-35 feet	20 feet	All	Very acid	Moist to dry

Flowering and Fruit Trees Over 15 Feet Tall

Species	Height	Spacing	Sun/Shade	Soil	Drainage
Red Buckeye (Aesculus pavia)	15-25 feet	25 feet	Am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist
Serviceberry (Amelanchier arborea)	15-25 feet	wide/high	All	Acid	Moist to dry
Devil's walkingstick (Aralia spinosa)	15-20 feet	15 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid, rich	Moist
Dwarf Pawpaw (Asimina parviflora)	5-10 feet	10 feet	All	Acid, rich	Moist
Ironwood (Carpinus caroliniana)	20-30 feet	25 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist to wet
Redbud (Cercis canadensis)	20-35 feet	30 feet	Pm/sun	Acid	Moist to dry
Fringetree (Chionanthus virginicus)	20-30 feet	20 feet	Am/pm/sun	Very acid, rich	Moist to dry
Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)	20-30 feet	20-30 feet	All	Acid to neutral	Moist to dry
Parsley HawthornCrataegus marshallii)	15-20 feet	20 feet	All	Acid, rich	Moist
Swamp Cyrilla (Cyrilla racemiflora)	30 feet	30 feet	All	Very acid	Wet to moist
Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana)	15-25 feet	30 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid/alkaline	Dry
Two-Winged Silverbell (Halesia diptera)	15-25 feet	15 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist
Witchhazel (Hamamelis virginiana)	15-20 feet	30-40 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist
Possumhas (llex deciduas)	20-30 feet	20 feet	Pm/sun	Any	Dry, moist, wet
Bigleaf Magnolia (Magnolia macrofolia)	30-40 feet	50 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist
Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum)	20-30 feet	20 feet	Pm/sun	Very acid, rich	Moist to dry
Winged Sumac (Rhus copallina)	10-15 feet	10-15 feet	Pm/sun	Acid, sandy	Dry
Sassafras (Sassafras albidum)	20 feet		Pm/sun	Acid	Dry
Fall Huckleberry (Vaccinium arboreum)	20-30 feet	20-30 feet	All	Acid to alkaline	Dry to moist

¹ From "Gardening with Native Plants of the South", Sally Wasowski, 1994 and personal knowledge – Mark W. LaSalle (Audubon Mississippi).

Evergreen Screening Shrubs, Usually Under 15 Feet

Species	Height	Spacing	Sun/Shade	Soil	Drainage
Sandhill rosemary (Ceratiola ericoides)	1 1/2 -8 feet	3 feet	Pm/sun	Very acid, sand	Dry
Mountain Laurel (Kalmia latifolia)	10-15 feet	15-20 feet	All	Very acid, east	Moist to dry
Black Wax Myrtle (Myrica hetreophylla)	5-7 feet	5-10 feet	Am/pm/sun	Very acid	Wet
Odorless Wax Myrtle (Myrica inodora)	5-7 feet	5-10 feet	Am/pm/sun	Very acid	Wet

Flowering and Fruiting Shrubs, Usually Under 15 Feet

Species	Height	Spacing	Sun/Shade	Soil	Drainage
American Beautyberry (Callicarpa	4-6 feet	6-8 feet	All	Acid	Dry to moist
americana)					·
Sweetshrub (Calycanthus florida)	6-8 feet	4-12 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid-neutral, rich	moist
Sweet pepperbush (Clethra alnifolia)	3-6 feet	3-6 feet	All	Very acid	Wet
Strawberrybush (Euonymus americanus)	4-8 feet	4-5 feet	Shade/am	Acid-neutral, rich	Moist
Fothergilla (Fothergilla major)	2-5 feet	3-5 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid	Moist to dry
Oakleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea	6-8 feet	6-8 feet	Shade/am/pm	Acid, rich	Moist to dry
quercifolia)					
Flame Azalea (Rhododendron	6-10 feet	6-8 feet	All	Very acid	Moist
austrinum)					
Pink Azalea (Rhododendron canescens)	8 feet	6-12 feet	Am/pm/sun	Very acid, rich	Wet to moist
Swamp Azalea (Rhododendron	5-7 feet	5-12 feet	Am/pm/sun	Very acid, rich	Wet
viscosum)					
Swamp rose (Rosa palustris)	3-6 feet	3-6 feet	Sun	Acid	Moist
Stewartia (Stewartia malachodendron)	10-15 feet	15 feet	Shade/am/pm	Very acid, rich	Moist to dryish
Storax (Styrax americana)	6-10 feet	8-10 feet	Shade/am/pm	Very acid	Moist to wet
Arrowwood (Viburnum dentatum)	12-30 feet	15 feet	Am/pm/sun	Acid, sand, rich	Moist to wet

