

Table 5. Outstanding Trees for Texas.

Plant Adaptation Map

Region 1 - East Texas (Texarkana, Houston., Tyler, Beaumont, Nacagdoches)

Region 2 - South Texas (Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo, Del Rio)

Region 3 - Central Texas (Austin, Waco, College Station, San Antonio)

Region 4 - North Central Texas (Dallas, Ft. Worth, Denton, Wichita Falls)

Region 5 - Panhandle (Amarillo)

Region 6 - West Texas (El Paso, Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Abilene)

Note - Plants with number 7 are adaptable to most areas of Texas.



Common name	Scientific name	Best adapted for	Notes
Small Trees (20 to 35 feet tall)			
American plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	5	White blooms in spring; sour fruit good for jelly
Aristocrat pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Aristocrat'	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Spring flowers; fall color
Bradford pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Bradford'	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Spring flowers; fall color
Canaert redcedar ¹	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	7	Evergreen for specimen or windbreak
**Chinese pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	7	Spreading canopy; fall color
Crabapple	<i>Mallus</i> sp.	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Spring flowering tree; many varieties
Desert willow ¹	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Snapdragon-like flowers in summer; willow-like foliage
Dogwood ¹	<i>Cornus florida</i>	1	Graceful tree; large spring blooms of white and pink
**Eldarica pine	<i>Pinus eldarica</i>	2, 3, 4, 6	Best pine for alkaline soils; Christmas tree-shaped
Fan d'Arc osage orange	<i>Maclura pomifera</i> 'Fan d'Arc'	7	Improved fruitless selection
Honey mesquite ¹	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	2, 3, 4, 6	Lacy spreading form
Japanese black pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>	7	Rounded small tree; adapted to alkaline soils
Japanese persimmon	<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	7	Edible showy fruit; glossy green foliage
Mexican plum ¹	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	7	Fragrant spring flowers; attractive trunk
Nanking cherry	<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	5	Tough, fruiting, shrubby tree
Panicled golden raintree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	3, 4, 5, 6	Showy flowers and seed pods
Pink lady euonymus	<i>Euonymus bungeanus</i>	5	Alkaline-tolerant; deciduous; light green foliage; showy seeds in fall
Redbud ¹	<i>Cercis</i> sp.	7	Spring blooming; excellent varieties: Oklahoma and Forest Pansy
Slash pine ¹	<i>Pinus elliotii</i>	1	Evergreen pine

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Soapberry ¹	<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	7	Fall color
Texas ebony ¹	<i>Pithecellobium flexicaule</i>	2	Airy foliage and flowers
Wild olive ¹	<i>Corida boissieri</i>	2	White flowers and bold foliage

Large Trees (above 35 feet tall)			
Austrian black pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	5	Adapted to wind and cold
**Bald cypress¹	Taxodium distichum	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	Deciduous conifer; fine textured foliage; fall color
Black walnut ¹	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	1, 5	Good tree but tends to be messy
Blue spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i> 'Glauca'	5	Grayish-blue needles
**Bur oak¹	Quercus macrocarpa	7	Bold foliage; huge acorns
**Cedar elm¹	Ulmus crassifolia	7	Upright growth habit; good street tree
**Chinquapin oak¹	Quercus muhlenbergii	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	Round-topped tree; bold foliage
Deodar cedar	<i>Cedrus deodora</i>	7	Bluish-green conifer
Hackberry ¹	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	5	Variety 'Shademaster' particularly recommended for area 5
Honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Thornless varieties available
Kentucky coffee tree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	5	Upright tree; fine textured foliage
Lace bark elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	7	Textured bark; spreading shade tree
**Live oak¹	Quercus virginiana	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	Evergreen shade tree
Loblolly pine ¹	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	1	Evergreen pine
Pecan ¹	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	7	State tree; edible nuts
Ponderosa pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	5	Bushy, attractive tree
**Shumard oak¹	Quercus shumardii	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Fall color
**Southern magnolia¹	Magnolia grandiflora	1	Bold evergreen tree; large white blooms throughout summer
**Sweetgum¹	Liquidambar styraciflua	1	Upright growth habit; fall color
Texas red oak ¹	<i>Quercus texana</i>	7	Fall color
Water oak ¹	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	1	Holds foliage well into winter

¹ Texas native

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