

The Puzzle of Selecting Trees

*Gathering the pieces of
information required to
select the right tree for the
right location.*

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“I need a tree!”

- Determine location
- Requirements to fit the space
- Long term goals for the area



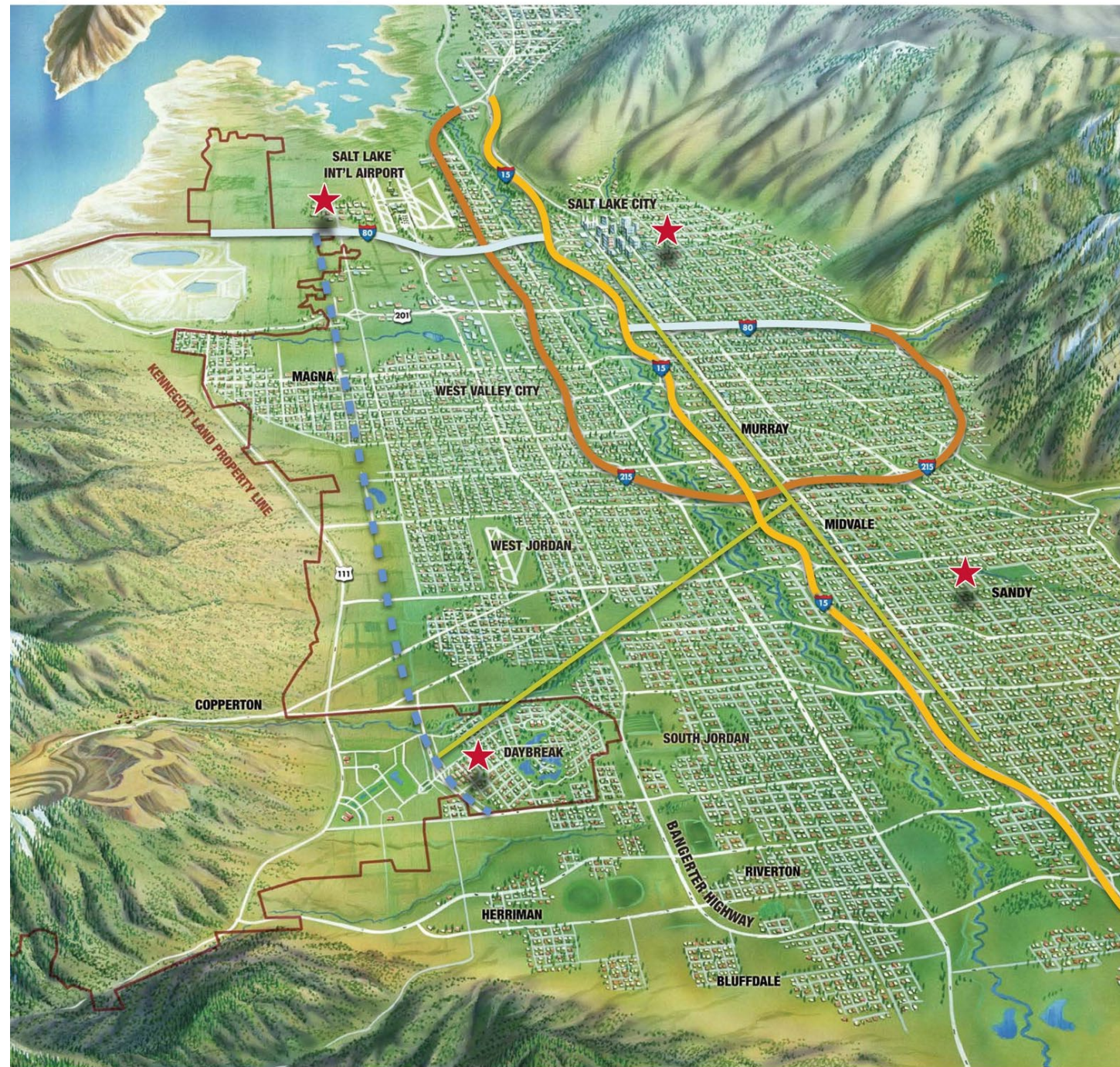
Location -

- City
- Water Source
- Soil Type



City -

- I-15 divide
- East Benches vs. West Desert
- Mountain Valleys



Water Source

- Secondary - Utah Lake or Mountain Reservoirs
- Culinary
- Salt Tolerant Plant List



Soil Type

- Rocky bench
- Valley floor
- Western areas with high salt and heavy clay



Fits the Space

- Columnar Screening
- Shade
- Flowering
- Evergreen
- Long Term Goals for the area



Evergreen

- Arborvitae
- Columnar Spruce
- Upright Juniper
- Columnar Pine
- Columnar Cedar



Arborvitae

- 10-12' tall, 2-4' wide
- Moist, well-draining soil
- Water during the winter!
- Can be tricky to get established





Green Giant



Emerald Green



DeGroot's Spire

Columnar Spruce

- Elegant, formal look
- Slow growing but reliable
- Available in many sizes, shapes and colors.





Cupressina



Wellspire



Columnar Blue Spruce

Upright Juniper

- Faster Growth
- Fantastic choice for our climate
- Wrap in the winter
- Available in many sizes, shapes and colors





Skyrocket



Spartan



Taylor

Columnar Cedar

- Great choice for poor soils, especially on the west side of the valleys
- Fast growth rate
- Available in many sizes, shapes and colors





Columnar Blue Atlas



Karl Fuchs



Eisregen

Columnar Pine

- 8' - 30' tall, 2' -8' wide depending on the variety
- Faster Growth
- Tolerate poor / clay soils, if they are not overwatered.





Frank Columnar Austrian



Arnold Sentinel



Green Tower

Deciduous

- Oak
- Hornbeam
- Beech
- Maple
- Birch
- Flowering



Columnar Oak

Beautiful, long-lived trees that add elegant structure to a yard

6' - 15' Wide, 25' - 40' Tall

Favorite varieties:

- Kindred Spirit
- Streetspire
- Skinny Genes
- Crimson Spire
- Skyrocket





Kindred Spirit



Skinny Genes



Crimson Spire

Columnar Hornbeam

25' – 30' tall, 15' – 25' wide

- Pyramidal European
- Franz Fontaine
- Emerald Avenue





Pyramidal



Frans Fontaine



Emerald Avenue

Columnar Beech

25' – 40' tall, 10'-15' wide

Common varieties -

- Dawyck Purple
- Red Obelisk
- Green Columnar





Dawyck Purple



Red Obelisk



Dawyck Green

Columnar Maple

20 – 30' tall, 15' wide

Common varieties -

- Columnar Norway
- Crimson Sentry
- Armstrong





Columnar Norway Maple



Crimson Sentry Maple



Armstrong Maple

Columnar Birch

20 - 30' tall, 8' - 15' wide

These can be water hogs,
not recommended for low
water use landscapes

Common varieties -

- Parkland Pillar
- Dakota Pinnacle





Dakota Pinnacle



Parkland Pillar



Columnar Flowering - Crabapple

8' - 10' tall, 4' - 6' wide

Columnar varieties -

- Raspberry or Ivory Spear
- Gladiator
- Red Jewel
- Marilee
- Red Barron

Raspberry Spear





Gladiator



Red Jewel



Red Barron

Flowering – Cherry and others

20 – 25' tall, 4 – 8' wide

Columnar varieties –

- First Blush Cherry
- Pink Flair Cherry
- Amanogawa Cherry
- Crimson Pointe Plum
- Columnar Goldenrain Tree





First Blush Cherry



Columnar Goldenrain Tree



Crimson Pointe Plum

Not as common but really useful

- Musashino Zelkova
- Prairie Sentinel Hackberry
- Swedish Aspen
- Columnar Poplar





Musashino Zelkova



Prairie Sentinel Hackberry



Swedish Aspen

Shade Trees

- Maple
- Honeylocust
- Zelkova
- Elm
- Linden
- Sycamore
- Tulip Tree
- Catalpa
- Ginkgo
- Kentucky Coffee



Maples

Common Utah varieties -

- Autumn Blaze
- Red Maples
- Norway
- Hedge
- State Street, Rugged Ridge
- Tatarian
- Flame
- Big Tooth, Rocky Mountain
- Sensation
- Truncatum, Truncatum Hybrids





Autumn Blaze



Emerald Queen Maple



Crimson King Maple



Queen Elizabeth Hedge Maple



State Street Maple





Sensation Box Elder Maple



Urban Sunset



Pacific Sunset



Ruby Sunset



Crimson Sunset



Hot Wings Tatarian Maple



Flame Maple



Rocky Mountain Glow Maple



Big Tooth Maple / Canyon Maple

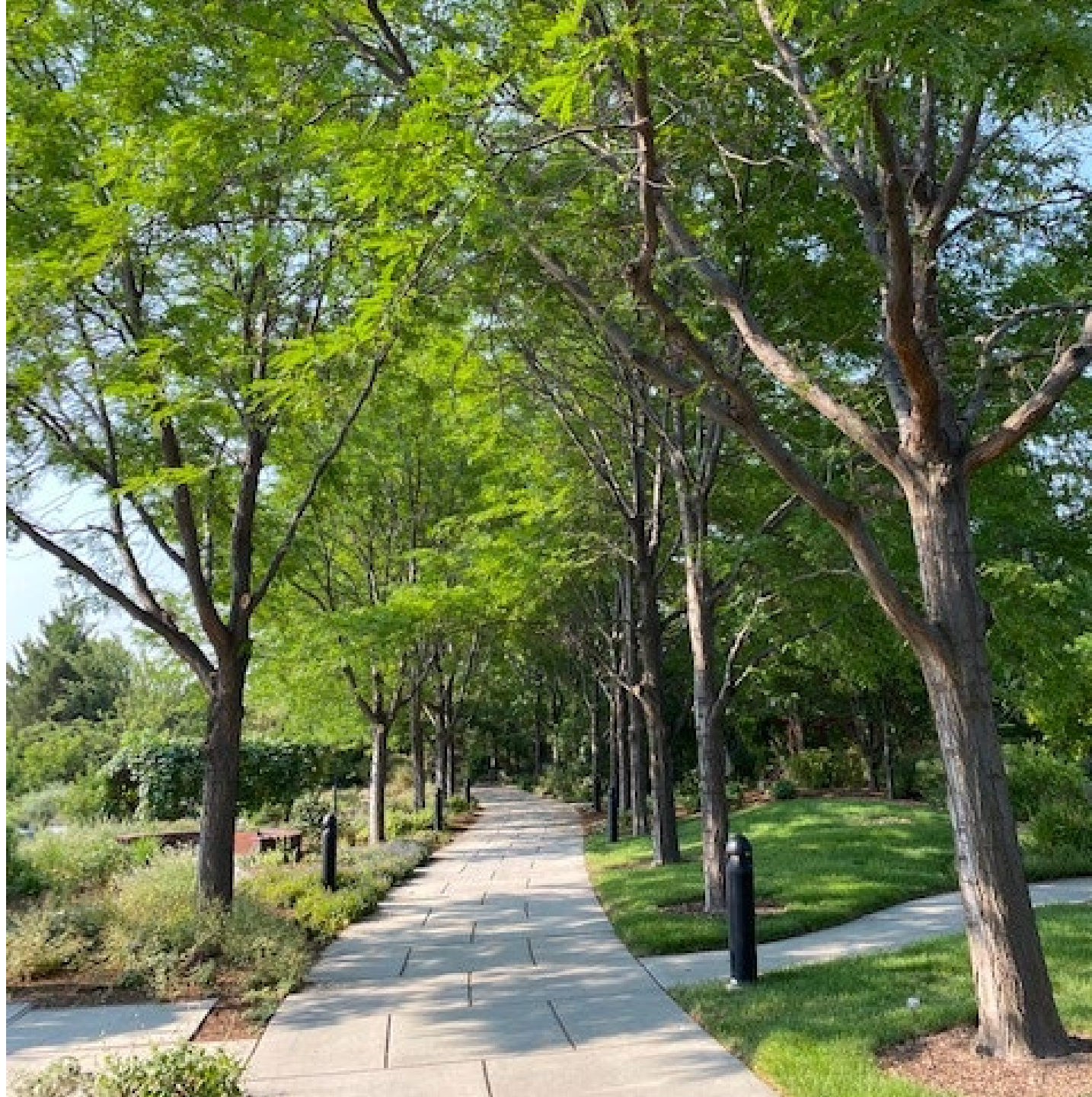


Honeylocust

(If you ask me what my favorite tree is, it's Honeylocust)

Really tough, tolerant of poor soil conditions

- Shademaster
- Skyline
- Sunburst
- Imperial





Shademaster



Sunburst

Zelkova

(If you ask me what my second favorite tree is...)

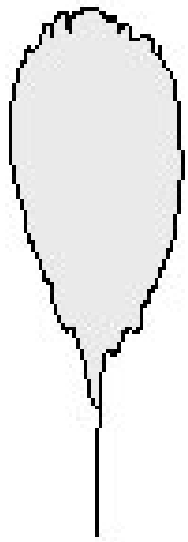
Excellent choice for urban locations. Very tolerant of pollution.

Common varieties, all do well here -

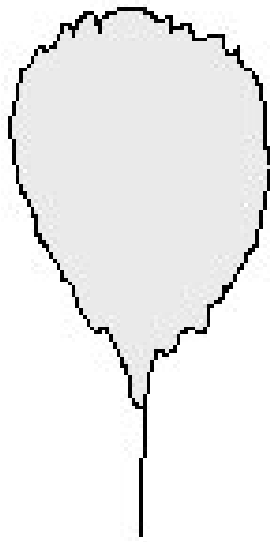
- Green Vase
- Village Green
- City Sprite
- Wireless
- Musashino



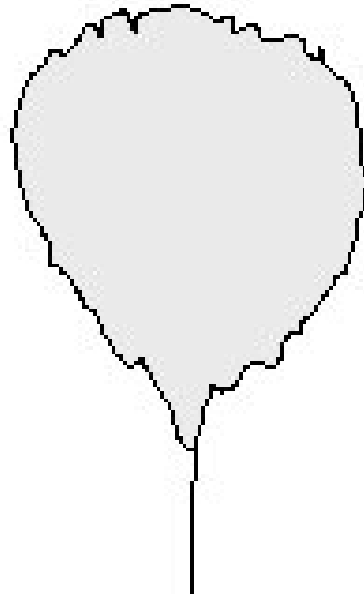
Zelkova Cultivar Forms



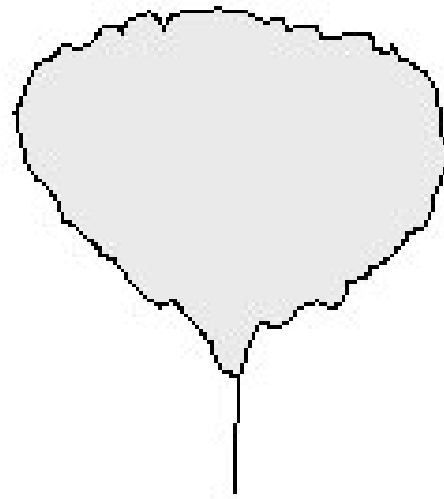
'Musachino'



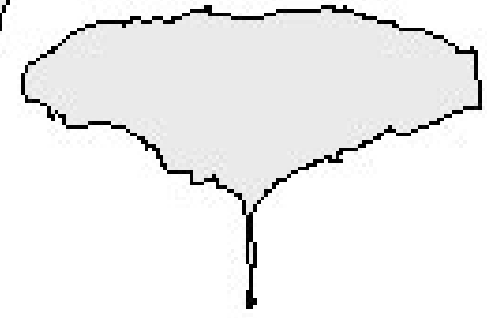
'Green Vase'



'Halka'



'Village Green'



'Wireless'



Green Vase



City Sprite



Wireless

Elm

PLEASE use Elm! They have a poor reputation because of Siberian Elm but they are slowly making a comeback!

Great varieties for Utah -

- Frontier
- Accolade
- Jefferson
- Colonial Spirit
- Allee, Lacebark

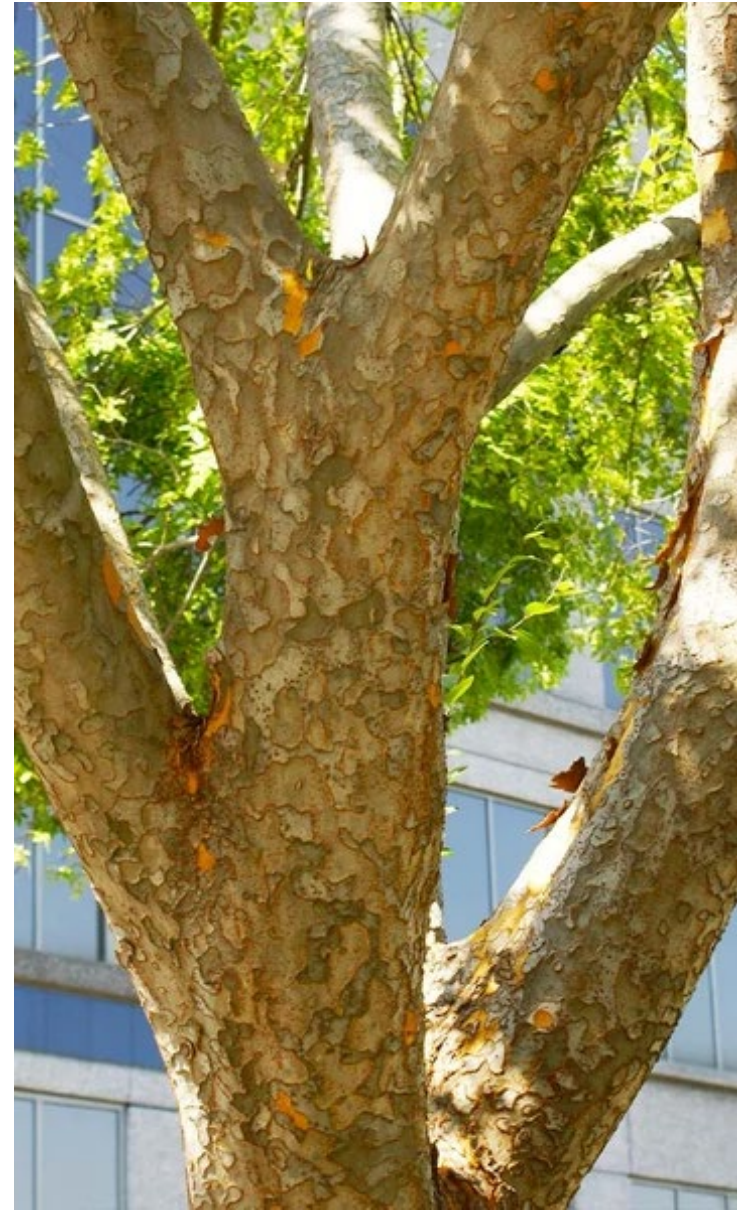




Frontier



American



Lacebark

Linden

A bit messy, but so beautiful when mature

Common varieties -

- Littleleaf
- Silver
- American
- Columnar





Littleleaf



Silver



American

Ginkgo

Slow growing but stunning when mature. Great choice for something unusual

Popular varieties -

- Princeton Sentry
- Goldspire
- Autumn Gold
- Presidential Gold





Autumn Gold Ginkgo



Princeton Sentry



Other Shade Trees

- London Plane / Sycamore
- Tulip Tree
- Catalpa
- Kentucky Coffee

Bur Oak





Exclamation!



Bloodgood London Planetree





Tulip Tree



Columnar Tulip Tree





Umbrella Catalpa



Northern Catalpa



Kentucky Coffee Tree

Flowering Trees

- Crabapple
- Flowering Cherry
- Redbud
- Magnolia
- Serviceberry
- Flowering Plum
- Chokecherry
- Lilac
- Horsechestnut
- Goldenrain
- Maackia
- Mimosa
- Rose of Sharon Tree



Crabapple

Easy to grow, very tolerant of very poor soil conditions.

Popular varieties -

- Spring Snow
- Royal Raindrops
- Golden Raindrops
- Prairifire
- Snow Drift
- Royalty
- Starlight
- Coralburst
- Lollipop
- Tina
- Louisa





Spring Snow



Royal Raindrops



Golden Raindrops



Prairifire



Louisa



Lollipop



Coralburst



Tina

Flowering Cherry

These can be tricky to grow. Proper location and well draining soil make a big difference in their success here in Utah

Popular varieties -

- Kwanzan
- Pink Flair
- First Blush
- Japanese
- Weeping





Kwanzan



Yoshino



Akebono



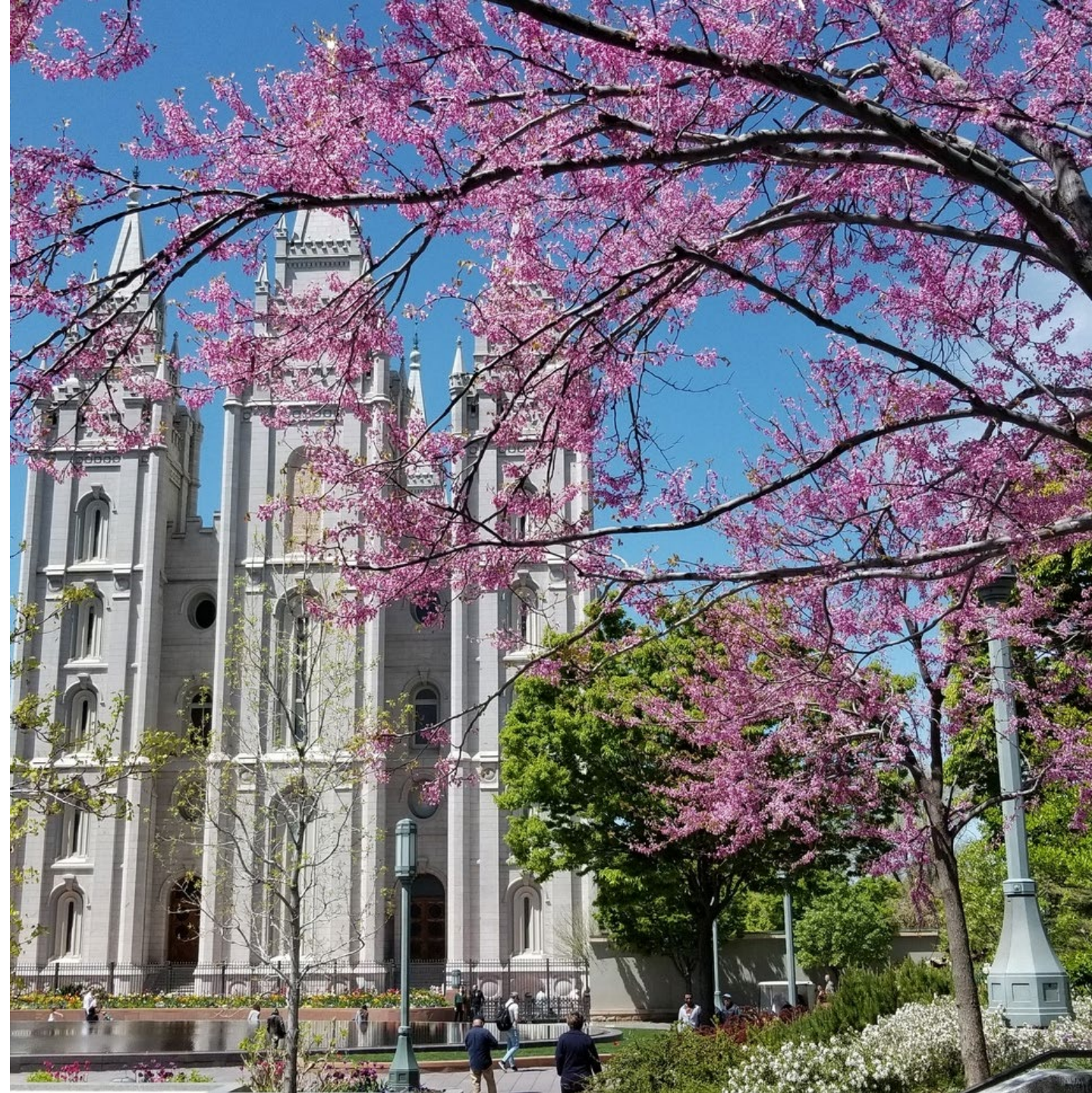
Weeping Cherry

Redbud

Well draining soil preferred,
these don't love heavy clay soil

Popular varieties -

- Eastern
- Merlot, Forest Pansy
- Rising Sun, Hearts of Gold
- Appalachian, Joy's Pride
- Weeping





Eastern



Forest Pansy



Rising Sun



Lavender Twist



Vanilla Twist



Ruby Falls

Magnolia

Slow growing, very ornamental.
Group these with other shrubs
or trees, they're not very
impressive when not in bloom

Common types -

- Stellata
- Saucer





Saucer



Star Magnolia



Serviceberry

My favorite flowering tree. The berries taste so good, if you can get them before the birds do

Common varieties -

- Autumn Brilliance
- Spring Flurry
- Rainbow Pillar
- Standing Ovation



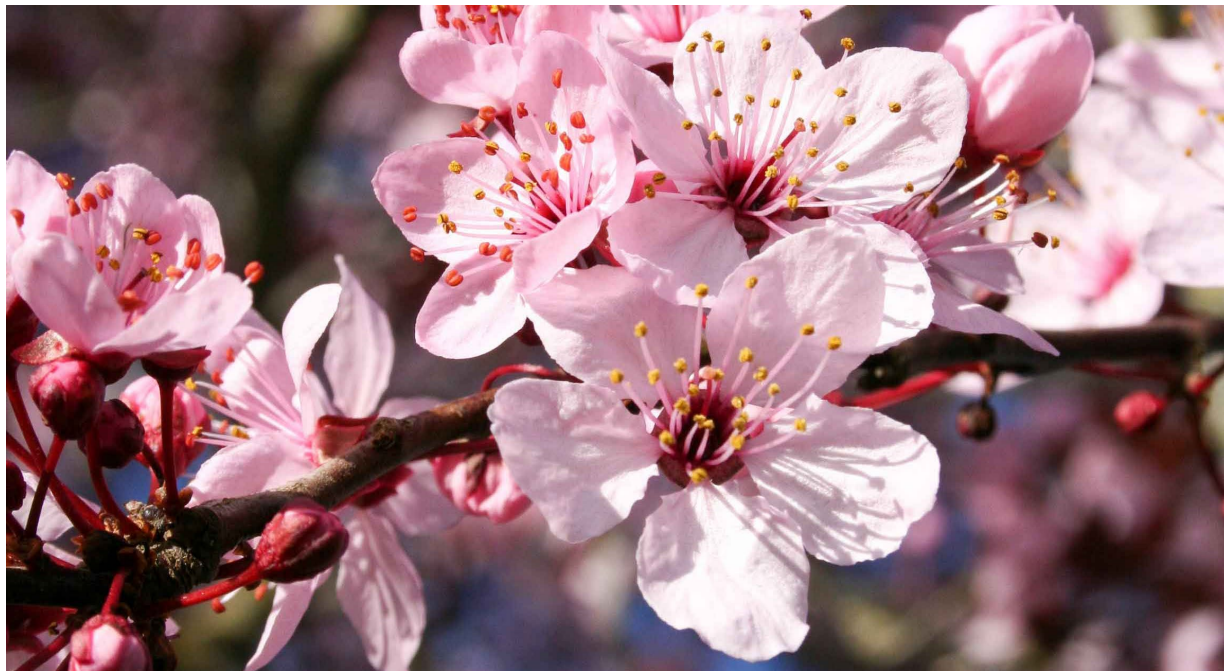


Flowering Plum

Yes, they fruit...

- Thundercloud
- Krauter Vesuvius
- Big Cis
- Crimson Pointe





Other Flowering Trees

- Chokecherry
- Lilac
- Horsechestnut
- Goldenrain
- Maackia
- Mimosa
- Rose of Sharon Tree

Seven Son Flower





Canada Red Chokecherry



Red Horsechestnut



Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac



Golden Chain Tree



Amur Maackia



Goldenrain Tree



Mimosa

Evergreen / Conifer

- Spruce
- Cedar
- Pine
- Fir
- Sequoia
- Dawn Redwood
- Bald Cypress (deciduous)
- Larix (deciduous)



Weeping White Spruce

Weeping whites are overused in my opinion, let's consider these other options too -

- Bruns Serbian Spruce
- 'The Blues' Weeping Colorado Spruce
- Bush's Lace Engelmann Spruce





Bush's Lace Engelmann
Spruce



Brun's Pendula Serbian
Spruce



The Blues Weeping
Colorado Spruce



Weeping White
Spruce

Cedar

Cedars are a great choice for ornamental evergreens, especially west of the freeway

Cedars that do best in Utah -

- Himalayan / Deodar
- Blue Atlas





Kashmir Deodar



Deodar



Golden Deodar



Horstmann Blue Atlas



Blue Atlas



Weeping Blue Atlas

Spruce

The spruce family is a large group, pay close attention to mature sizes

Popular varieties -

- Colorado
- Serbian
- Oriental
- Black Hills
- Norway





Hoopsii Blue Spruce



Colorado Blue Spruce



Fat Albert Blue Spruce



Gowdy Oriental Spruce



Hillside Upright Norway Spruce



Riverside Serbian Spruce

Pine

Great choice for poor soil conditions, can grow quickly once established

Common types sold in Utah -

- Austrian
- Bosnian
- Mugo
- Vanderwolf
- Swiss Stone
- Bristlecone
- Pinyon
- Scotch





Austrian Pine



Vanderwolf Pine



Bosnian Pine

Other Evergreens / Conifers

- Sequoia
- Fir
- Dawn Redwood
- Bald Cypress
- European Larch





Giant Sequoia



White Fir



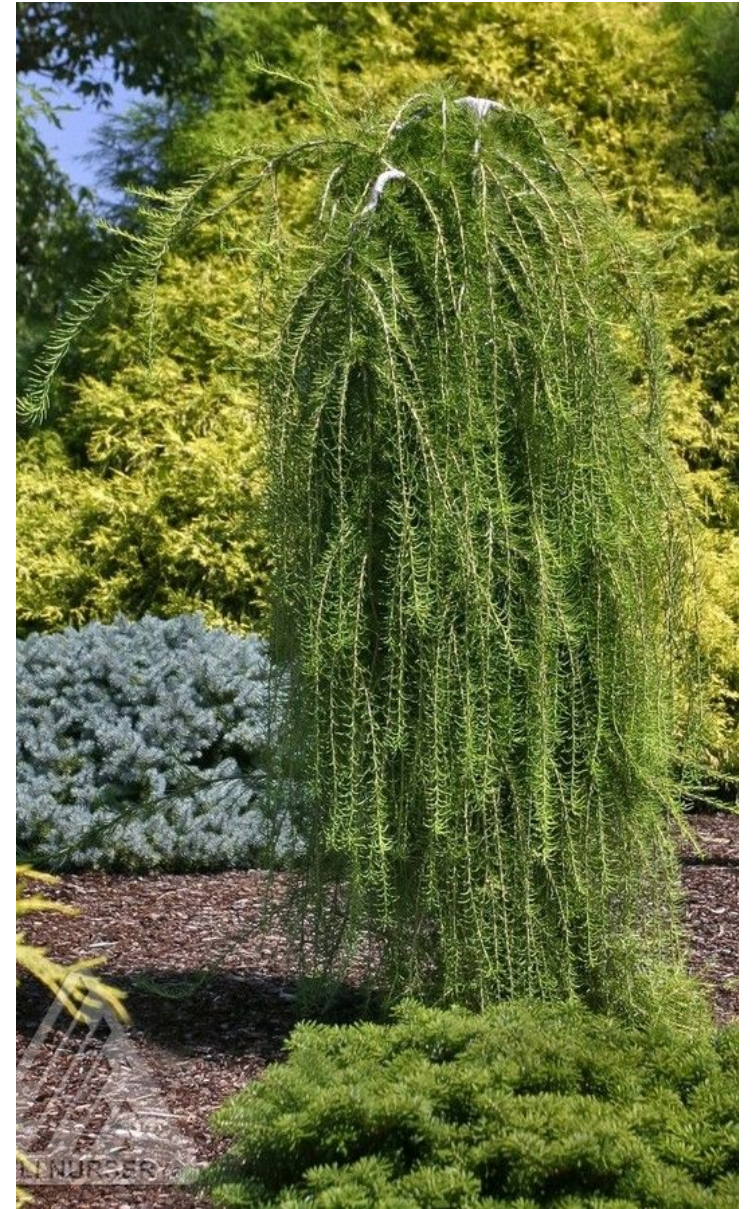
Weeping Alaskan Cedar



Dawn Redwood



Bald Cypress



Weeping Larch

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