

Trees For Overhead Utility Right-Of-Way Use

Scientific name	Common name	Remarks
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedge maple	May have to hunt this one in the nurseries, but makes a nice small tree.
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur maple	Produces pleasantly scented but hard-to-see flowers in late winter/early spring. Seems to be quite heat- and drought-tolerant in the Carolinas.
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Japanese maple	Hundreds of cultivars. Tends to tolerate heat and drought, once established.
<i>Cercis remiformis 'Oklahoma'</i>	Oklahoma redbud	Leaves are waxier, flowers are darker purple, species is more heat and drought tolerant, and mature size is smaller than our native Eastern redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>).
<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	Chinese fringetree	Normally a large shrub (in form) but can be pruned as a small tree, with a central trunk. Flowers are highly ornamental, as is handsome gray bark on the trunk.
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White fringetree	Native fringetree to the Southeast. Stunning when in bloom. Typically a large shrub but may be pruned as a small tree.
<i>Craataegus viridis 'Winter King'</i>	Winter King hawthorn	Fantastic red berries in the winter, beautiful fluted trunk develops with age.
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda dogwood	Interesting native small dogwood, may be difficult to locate in the nursery trade.
<i>Cornus mas 'Spring Glow'</i>	Spring Glow corneilancherry dogwood	Spring Glow is the best flowering corneilancherry dogwood for the Carolinas. Yellow flowers in February make this a welcome sight in late winter.
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crape myrtle	Some of the more compact cultivars include 'Acoma', 'Caddo', 'Hopi', 'Pecos', 'Tonto', 'Zuni', 'Apalachee', 'Comanche', 'Lipan', 'Osage', 'Sioux', 'Yuma'. 'Carolina Beauty' and 'Potomac' are also acceptable.
<i>Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'</i>	Little Gem magnolia	Smaller leaves and overall size than regular Southern magnolia.
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	Saucer magnolia	Flowers in late winter and often damaged by a late cold snap; ask for late-flowering cultivars at the nursery.
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star magnolia	Flowers in late winter and often damaged by a late cold snap. Usually a large shrub, but may be pruned as a small tree.
<i>Malus sp.</i>	crabapple	Acceptable cultivars include 'Adirondack', 'Baskatong', 'Calloway', 'Centurion', 'Floribunda', 'Indian Summer', 'Louisa', 'Molten Lava', 'Prairifire', 'Professor Sprenger', 'Sargent', 'Sentinel', 'Sugar Tyme', 'White Cascade'
<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	Carolina cherrylaurel	Evergreen, sometimes used for hedges. Makes a nice small tree.
<i>Prunus cerasifera "Thundercloud"</i>	Thundercloud cherry plum	Nice small flowering tree.
<i>Prunus x bliereiana</i>	Bliereiana plum	May have to hunt this one in the nurseries, but makes a nice small flowering tree.
<i>Prunus virginiana 'Schubert'</i>	Schubert chokecherry	May have to hunt this one in the nurseries, but makes a nice small flowering tree.
<i>Viburnum sieboldii.</i>	Siebold viburnum	Excellent large shrub or small tree.
<i>Vitex sp.</i>	Chastetree	Very nice small flowering tree, similar to crape myrtle in appearance.