

Trees to Avoid

These trees may work well in certain situations but are generally less desirable for landscape plantings.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Comments
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Manitoba maple	Messy, attracts "maple bugs"
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	Weedy, weak-wooded and prone to suckering.
<i>Betula</i> species	Birches	Short-lived, does not tolerate dry soils well, top dieback
<i>Catalpa</i> spp.	Indian Bean Tree	This tree can work well in certain areas but is quite messy (seed pods, flowers, leaves)
<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	Lawson Cypress	Root disease problems (<i>Phytophthora</i>)
<i>Populus</i> species	Poplar / Cottonwood / Aspen	Short-lived, weak-wooded, prone to rots and root problems
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian Elm (often confused with Chinese elm, <i>U. parvifolia</i> , a superior species)	Weak wooded, poor form, weedy
<i>Prunus</i> and <i>Malus</i>	Apple, Crabapple, Cherry, Chokecherry, Peach, Quince	Noxious insect bylaws
<i>Salix</i> species	Willows	Messy and weak-wooded, good tree around streams
<i>Sorbus</i> species	Mountain ash	Messy, prone to fire blight