

Medium Trees

When mature, these trees are between 9 - 15 metres tall and generally require a planting strip at least 1.5 metres or greater. Suggested minimum spacing is 10 – 15 metres. Other species may also be suitable. This list is sorted by botanical name. Mature size will depend upon the cultivar chosen, H = height, W = width.

* Indicates trees that are not as well tested in the Kelowna area but appear promising based upon reports from elsewhere. May be difficult to find.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Mature Size (metres)		Comments
		H	W	
Boxelder – ‘Sensation’	<i>Acer negundo</i> ‘Sensation’	10	9	Newer variety, appears to be quite drought tolerant, fast growing and does not attract boxelder bugs
Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i> ‘Red Sunset’	15	12	Attractive fall colour, not very drought resistant, sometimes late to leaf out in the Spring.
Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13	11	Very adaptable tree, but highly susceptible to aphids. Avoid planting where aphid honeydew will drip on cars or buildings.
Ruby horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea brioti</i>	8-15	11	No fruits, tolerates pollution, but tends to be shallow rooted & trashy in fall
European hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	15	12	Rarely requires pruning
American hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	11	11	Does well in heavy or light shade
Thornless honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> ‘Skyline’ ‘Shademaster’	9-15	9-15	Tolerates drought, city conditions and salt along roadways
Carolina silverbell*	<i>Halesia tetraptera</i> (=Carolina)	10-13	7-13	White flowers in Spring, pest resistant.
Goldenrain tree	<i>Kolreuteria paniculata</i>	10-13	7-13	Rounded to vase shaped canopy, yellow flowers blooming in June – July. Very drought and pest resistant and adaptable.
White mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i> (fruitless varieties)	9-15	9-15	High drought & urban tolerance, do not use fruiting varieties on boulevards.
Black gum (Tupelo)	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	10-13	6-13	Glossy green leaves, excellent fall colour. Somewhat drought tolerant.
American hop-hornbeam or Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	8-12	8-12	Tolerates most soils, drought resistant
Callery pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> ‘Redspire’	13-15	7-9	Avoid thorny varieties or those that are susceptible to fireblight or wind damage, (e.g. ‘Bradford’)

Pagoda Tree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	8-15	8-15	Tolerates dry soils well.
Silver linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	15-16	13-14	Attractive green leaves with silvery white underside, susceptible to annual aphid infestations.
Chinese elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	9-15	9-15	Some resistance to Dutch elm disease. Often confused with Siberian elm (<i>U. pumila</i>), an inferior weak-wooded species.