

Memorial Program

The following species have high landscape value, are well suited to our climate, and are commercially available at area nurseries. Many of the species listed are considered underused by industry professionals in urban landscapes and should be considered along with more common trees that have not been listed. With a few exceptions, if a donor requests a tree, City arborists will do their best to find and plant it.

River Birch (*Betula nigra*)



River Birch are lovely native shade trees with distinctive peeling bark and a mature height of approximately 90 feet. They are extremely adaptable and can thrive in both wet and relatively dry urban sites. They are also the only birches that have proven to be resistant to the bronze birch borer. A hybrid variety called 'Crimson Frost' has dark red leaves with red to orange fall color but does not have the same degree of resistance to borers as River Birch. It is, however, a strong alternative to other white bark birches.

American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)



Also known as Ironwood, Musclewood, or Blue Beech, is a small maturing ornamental tree with lovely, smooth gray bark and dark green leaves that turn yellow or orange in the fall. It is extremely adaptable to different soil conditions and generally does well in tough urban sites. Mature trees can reach 40 feet in height.