

# Free Tree Giveaway 2021

## Large Tree Options



### Paper Birch *Betula papyrifera*

#### Facts:

Grows up to 20+ metres  
Yellow leaves in the fall  
Prefers full sun  
Can tolerate various moisture levels and soil types

I am a Paper Birch. I provide winter interest with my white, peeling bark. Take me home and care for me through watering and mulching and my beautiful canopy and snowy white bark will provide great visual interest. It is best to plant me in back/ side yards away from road salt and compaction.



### Red Oak *Quercus rubra*

#### Facts:

Grows up to 30 metres  
Red leaves in the fall  
Prefers full sun  
Prefers moist soil but not particular soil types

I am a Red Oak. I can live up to 300 years. I am highly tolerant of urban pollution. I support various wildlife from pollinators, birds and mammals with food and shelter. Take me home and watch me grow.



### Sugar Maple *Acer saccharum*

#### Facts:

Grows up to 35 metres  
Red, yellow, orange leaves in the fall  
Prefers full sun  
Prefers moist, well drained, nutrient rich soils

I am a Sugar Maple, Canada's National Tree. The cavities in my trunk provide shelter for wildlife. Take me home and in the summer, I will provide lots of shade but make sure I am provided with lots of room to grow.

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## Medium Tree Options



### Hackberry *Celtis occidentalis*

#### Facts:

Grows up to 10-15 metres

Yellow leaves in the fall

Prefers full sun

Tolerates various moisture levels and soil types

I am a Hackberry. I am a hardy tree that once established, doesn't require too much maintenance.

Take me home and my sugar-rich fruit will support many species of birds, and my leaves are food for many kinds of caterpillars.



### Eastern White Cedar *Thuja occidentalis*

#### Facts:

Grows up to 15 metres

Tolerates partial shade to full sun

Prefers moist soils, not a fan of road salt

I am a White Cedar, also known as the Tree of Life! I provide food and habitat for wildlife, especially in the winter. I am a great landscaping tree commonly used for windbreaks and hedges. Make sure to keep me pruned if you want me to stay a shrub.

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## Small Tree Options



Blue Beech

*Carpinus caroliniana*

Facts:

Grows up to 8 metres

Orange-red leaves in the fall

Tolerates full shade, and full sun with ample moisture

Prefers moist and can tolerate seasonal flooding  
Prefers rich, well-drained soils

I am a Blue Beech, despite my name, I am part of the Birch family. I am a small and strong tree. I am a great understory tree in a forest because mammals do not like the taste of my branches or twigs. Take me home and enjoy the changes in my leaves - red-purple in Spring, then turn dark green, and finally orange-red in the fall.



Bush-honeysuckle

*Diervilla lonicera*

Facts:

Grows up to 1 metre

Yellow-orange to red-purple leaves in the fall.

The more sunlight the more colourfull fall foliage

Tolerates a range of full sun to partial shade  
Tolerates various moisture levels and soil types  
I am a Bush-Honeysuckle, a small shrub. In early summer, I have yellow honeysuckle-shaped flowers, which turn reddish in colour as they mature. I attract butterflies and other pollinators. I do create suckers and they can be used to start other plants. Take me home and I can be used to fill spaces in your garden.

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### Pin Cherry

#### Prunus pensylvanica

##### Facts:

Grows up to 9-10 metres

Orange - red fall colours

Full sun only

Tolerates various moisture levels and soil types

I am a Pin Cherry, a popular food source for songbirds that I am also referred to as Bird Cherry.

While the flesh of my fruits are sour and edible, the rest of me is toxic.

Take me home and enjoy lovely white blooms in the spring, bright red fruits in the summer and my orange - red leaves in the fall.



### Smooth Serviceberry Amelanchier laevis

##### Facts:

Grows up to 9-10 metres

Orange - red fall colours

Full sun, partial shade

Tolerant of a somewhat wide range of soils, but prefers moist, well-drained loam

I am a Smooth Serviceberry. My berries are edible and sweeter than blueberries.

Because of my early blooms, I am an important food source for emerging pollinators in the spring. Take me home and enjoy my spring blooms and fall colours



### Redbud

#### Cercis canadensis

##### Facts:

Grows up to 10 metres

Prefers full sun, tolerates shade

Tolerates various moisture levels and soil types

I am a Redbud, a small tree that creates pink - purple blooms in the spring. I attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Take me home and I can fit into a small space. Two notes 1) that I do not tolerate road salt 2) please plant me in urban spaces only. No naturalized areas as I tend to move.