

Community Tree Giveaway

tree selection guide







Georgia ReLeaf

Selecting trees for a giveaway event

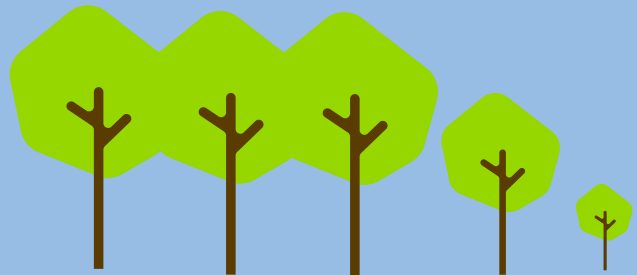


Tree giveaway events grow awareness of the value of community trees and can increase tree canopy on private land. The following list includes recommended tree species and the most commonly used species for tree giveaway events in Georgia.

Tree Attributes	
Excellent selection! These tree species often used in Georgia ReLeaf giveaways and/or are recommended by the Georgia Forestry Commission and arborists	★
Use more! This tree species is underutilized	↑
provides a nectar source for pollinators	
native and provides fruit with little or no maintenance	
Homeowner favorite!	
use less; this tree is overutilized	↓
native to Georgia	

Tree Giveaway Formula

shade trees 2-3 parts
 mid-sized trees 1 part
 small trees 1 part



Shade trees best meet the goals of tree giveaways because they provide the greatest potential for increased canopy coverage.
































Small and mid-sized trees add a valuable layer to urban ecosystems and are a good choice for homeowners who do not have space for larger trees.

overstory trees (shade trees)

American basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	★		
American beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	★		
American sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	★		
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	★		
Cryptomeria	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>			
Elm, American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	★		
Elm, winged	<i>Ulmus alata</i>			
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>			
Magnolia, southern	<i>Magnolia grandifolia</i>			
Oak, black	<i>Quercus nigra</i>			
Oak, bur	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>			
Oak, live	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>			
Oak, northern red	<i>Quercus rubra</i>			
Oak, nutall	<i>Quercus texana</i>	★		
Oak, overcup	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	★		
Oak, pin	<i>Quercus palustris</i>			
Oak, scarlet	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>			
Oak, shumard	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	★		
Oak, southern red	<i>Quercus falcata</i>			
Oak, swamp chestnut	<i>Quercus michauxi</i>			
Oak, white	<i>Quercus alba</i>	★		
Oak, willow	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	★		
Ogeechee tupelo	<i>Nyssa ogeche</i>			
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>			
Persimmon, common	<i>Diospyrus virginiana</i>	★		
Pondcypress	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>			
Tulip poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	★		




























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 pollinator friendly
 low maintenance fruit
 homeowner favorite
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 star selection

mid-sized trees

American hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>		
American hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>		
Blackgum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	★ ↑	 
Cedar, eastern red	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>		↑ 
Carolina silverbell	<i>Halesia carolina</i>	★ ↑	 
Holly, cassine (dahoon)	<i>Ilex cassine</i>		
Magnolia, sweetbay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	★	 
Maple, chalk	<i>Acer leucoderme</i>		↑ 
Maple, red	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	★ ↓	  
Mulberry, red	<i>Morus rubra</i>		  
Paw Paw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	★	  
Redbay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>		
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	★	 
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>		 
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	★ ↑	 
Southern sugar maple	<i>Acer floridanum</i>		↑  
Two-winged silverbell	<i>Halesia diptera</i>	★ ↑	 

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small trees

American snowbell	<i>Styrax americanus</i>		
Chickasaw plum	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	★ ↑ 	
Dogwood, flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	 ↓ 	
Dogwood, kousa	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	★ ↑ 	
Downy serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	★ ↑ 	
Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	★  	
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	↑ 	
Hazel alder	<i>Alnus serrulata</i>		
Hazelnut, America	<i>Corylus americana</i>	↑ 	
Holly, American	<i>Ilex opaca</i>		
Possumhaw	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	↑ 	
Red chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>		
Witch hazel	<i>Hamamelis</i>		
Yaupon holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	↑ 	

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