

Many people are looking for smaller trees—to anchor a small bed, to plant in a parking strip or under power lines, or even to grow in containers on a deck or patio. You can find flowering trees, shade trees, and evergreens in weeping, columnar, pyramidal, or rounded forms that can be maintained at 15’ or under. Here are some of the recommended smaller trees Sky usually carries. Please call for availability!

## DWARF CONIFERS

Dwarf conifers are now available in a huge array of sizes, colors, and forms—too many to list in detail. Sizes range from bonsai subjects on up. You can find colors ranging from true green, blue green, gray green, chartreuse, rust, pinkish, gold, and olive, to green tipped with cream, gold, or white. Conifer shapes include topiaries (spiral or ball forms), columns and spires, “Christmas Trees”, ovals, vasselike, spreading, and weeping. Sky carries hundreds of evergreens year-round—come in and see our current selection.

## ESPALIERS (TREES TRAINED AS A “FENCE”)

‘Espalier’ is an age-old technique originally employed to grow fruit trees in small gardens along walls and fences. It involves training the plant to grow two-dimensionally, as though along a flat surface. An espalier tree can grow along a wall or can replace a fence. Sky carries several kinds of fruit trees trained as 3-tier espaliers: apples, European pears, and Asian pears. Other espaliers that you can sometimes find at Sky Nursery include camellias, ‘Little Gem’ magnolia, pyracantha, and cotoneaster.

## FRUIT TREES

See Sky fruit tree list for detailed variety descriptions and pollination requirements. Most fruit trees are available on dwarfing rootstocks that will keep trees smaller. Some are also available as genetic dwarves that naturally stay small and bushy or as columnar forms. Many fruit trees are highly ornamental.

## FLOWERING TREES

### CRABAPPLES

**Bloom time: April. (*Malus hybrids*)**

**Centennial**

8-10’x6-8’. Compact upright form. White flowers, edible red fruit.

**Evereste**

8-10’X8-10’. Elegant semi-weeping form. White flowers, edible red fruit.

**Lancelot**

8-10’X8-10’. Rounded form. White flowers, persistent golden fruit.

**Royal Beauty**

10-12’X 10-14’. Spreading weeping form. Purple new foliage, reddish-purple flowers, dark red fruit.

**Show Time**

10-15’X 10-15’. Upright form. Fuchsia-red flowers; purple new foliage turns reddish green in summer.

**Sparkling Sprite**

10-12’. Rounded form. Pink buds, white flowers, persistent red fruit.

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<b>DOGWOODS (Eastern)</b> Cloud Nine	<b>Bloom time: May. Red fall color &amp; fruit. (<i>Cornus florida</i>)</b> 15 X 15-20'. Smothered in snowy white flowers.
<b>DOGWOODS (Korean)</b> Kristin Lipka Summer Fun	<b>Bloom time: June. Red fall color &amp; fruit. (<i>Cornus kousa</i>)</b> 8-10'X4-5'. Weeping form. White flowers. Pale green foliage edged white. 12-15'X12-15'. White flowers. Foliage edged in white; red fall color.
<b>DOGWOODS (Other)</b> Cornelian Cherry ( <i>Cornus mas</i> ) Stellar Pink	<b>Bloom time: Varies. (<i>Cornus species &amp; hybrids</i>)</b> 12-15'X10-15'. Vase-like form. Bright yellow spidery flowers in February. Edible red cherry-like fruit in fall. Variegated forms available. 12-15'X10-12'. Vase-like form, soft pink flowers in May. Red fall color & fruit.
<b>FLOWERING CHERRIES</b> Akebono Dwarf Kwanzan Dwarf Little Twist  Pink Cascade Snow Fountains Weeping Double Pink Big Cis Flowering Plum	<b>(<i>Prunus species</i>)</b> 12-14'X12-14'. Upright spreading form. Delicate pink flowers, very early. 12-14'X8-12'. Upright vase-like form. Showy double rose-pink flowers. 5-6'X5-6'. Very unique form—branches and twigs zig-zag! Single flowers white with pink centers. Maroon fall color. Blooms April. 10-12'X10-12'. Cascading form with bright pink flowers. 12-14'X12-14'. Cascading form, semi-double snow white flowers. 12-15'X12-15'. Weeping form, profuse double pink flowers. Bloom April. 12-14'X10-12'. Upright, rounded, dense form. Pink flowers, purple foliage.
<b>MAGNOLIAS (DECIDUOUS)</b> Burgundy Star Genie Honey Tulip Susan Star Magnolias	<b>Bloom Time: Varies.</b> 7-10'X3-5'. Unique columnar form. Fragrant star-shaped burgundy flowers. 10-15'X6-8'. Rounded shape. Fragrant dark burgundy flowers. 10-15'X4-6'. Upright and compact. Honey-yellow goblet-shaped flowers. 6-8'X4-7'. Compact rounded shape. Prolific reddish-violet flowers. 8-10'X 6-8'. Spreading small tree to shrublike form. Fragrant star-shaped flowers in March. Flowers can be single or double, white or pink.
<b>MAGNOLIAS (EVERGREEN)</b> Baby Grand Little Gem  Teddy Bear	<b>Bloom Time: Varies.</b> 8-10'X6-8'. Compact narrow form. Fragrant white flowers in early summer. 8-10'X 6-8'. Spreading small tree to shrublike form. Fragrant white cup-shaped flowers in March. Often reblooms in late summer. 10-15'X6-8'. Upright form. Smaller foliage and flowers than most magnolias. Fragrant white flowers in midsummer.

## OTHER FLOWERING TREES

Bloom Time: Varies

- Strawberry Tree, Compact** 4-6'X 4-6'. Upright shrubby form. Handsome year-round—**evergreen**,  
(*Arbutus unedo* 'Compacta') red peeling bark. White flowers & red "strawberry" fruits in fall.
- Redbud, Merlot** 12-15'x12-15'. Deep pink sweet pea-like flowers in spring, followed by  
(*Cercis x 'Merlot'*) heart-shaped dark purple leaves.
- Redbud, Ruby Falls** 6-8'X5-6'. Lavender-pink sweet pea-like flowers in spring, followed by  
(*Cercis canadensis* 'Ruby Falls') burgundy heart-shaped leaves. Weeping contorted form.
- Smoke Tree** 12-15'X10-15'. Rounded, often multitrunked form. Purple-pink "smokelike"  
(*Cotinus coggyria*) flowers. Purple and gold-leaf forms available. Good fall color.
- Witch Hazel** 8-15'X10-15'. Open, vasselike, often multitrunked tree. Fragrant flowers  
(*Hamamelis*) in late winter—gold, primrose, copper, or red. Good fall color.
- Black Locust, Twisty Baby** 4-15'X 4-15'. Unique contorted form; attractive feathery foliage. Fragrant  
(*Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Lace Lady') purple flowers in April. Yellow fall color. Prune to maintain.
- Japanese Snowbell, Weeping Pink** **Sold as Marley's Pink Parasol® or Momo Shidare**  
(*Styrax japonicus* 'JL Weeping') 8-10'X 4-5', depending on staking. Fragrant soft pink, nodding,  
bell-shaped flowers in June. Yellow to orange fall color.
- SHADE TREES**
- Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*)** Numerous varieties—see Sky's Japanese Maple list for details.
- Ginkgo 'Jade Butterflies'** 7-8'X3-5'. Very dwarf variety with dark green foliage. Yellow fall color.
- Ginkgo 'Marieken'** 2-3'X2-8'. Very dwarf, spreading, somewhat pendulous variety. Yellow fall color.
- Larch, Contorted** 8-10'X4-5'. Contorted form. Deciduous conifer—gold fall color  
(*Larix decidua* 'Horstmann's Recurved') followed by needle drop. Unusual & eye-catching tree.
- Bay Tree** 10-15'X6-10'. Pyramidal form. Handsome **evergreen** tree—leaves are the  
(*Laurus nobilis*) "bay leaf" used for seasoning.
- Dawn Redwood, Miss Grace** 5-12, depending on staking. Weeping form. Deciduous conifer; russet  
(*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* 'Miss Grace') fall color followed by needle drop. Feathery foliage.
- Pussy Willow, Weeping** 3-8'. Weeping form of the pink pussy willow. Foliage dark green above,  
(*Salix caprea* 'Pendula') pale underneath. Yellow fall color.