

Plant Your Postcode Tree Species Cribsheet

A list showing details of some of the more popular of the commonly planted urban trees.

***Crataegus laevigata* Paul's Scarlet – Hawthorn**

A small to medium sized tree very popular in the post war years and due for a revival!
Paul's scarlet has double flowers in a deep pinky/red and although it has less haws in the autumn than a single flower variety it still has a good crop for wildlife.



***Lagerstroemia indica* 'Rosea': Pink Crape Myrtle**

Neat smallish tree, little dark green leaves turn scarlet in autumn, interesting bark and pink flowers in summer - needs shelter though...



***Ligustrum japonicum* – Japanese Privet**

A small, neat, semi-evergreen tree with dark green waxy leaves. Small scented off-white flowers in summer/autumn followed by clusters of black berries.

Potentially grows up to 4m in 10 years, and like all privet the scent is not terribly pleasant, but bees like it! (NB. *Ligustrum lucidum* – the Chinese tree privet is a fine, distinctive tree often planted in London)



***Magnolia kobus* - Magnolia kobus**

An attractive slim tree - largish leaves with glorious white flowers in spring and interesting pink pods with red seeds in autumn. Wind can be an issue.

(10-12m + high in 20-50 years)



***Acer platanoides* - Sycamore**

A very common tree with a good shape, both wind, pollution tolerant = good for coastal towns. (Can be splendid in Parks but as a street tree conditions may not be moist enough and the pavements may reflect more heat than it likes so trees may be a bit weedy)



***Betula ermanii* – Gold Birch**

An upright, attractive, tree. with peeling cream bark on the trunk and papery brown bark on the branches. The leaves are oval and coarsely toothed, turning yellow in autumn; male catkins open with the leaves.

Birches in general are medium-sized, and don't live much beyond 80.



***Ulmus carpiniifolia* Wredei Aurea – Upright Golden Elm**

A striking tree of small to medium size and oval, almost columnar habit, it tolerates pollution and salt-laden coastal winds well.

Its luminescent yellow, green foliage is striking and turns golden in autumn.

Mature height: 3-7m, spread: 2-4m - A lovely verge tree



***Ginkgo biloba* - Maidenhair tree**

A truly ancient tree with a spacy conical shape when young becoming elegant and in old age idiosyncratic and irregular. The fan-shaped leaves are a beautiful primrose yellow in autumn. Very hardy indeed, it can live well over 1000 years!

(Up to 12m in 20-50 years)



***Sophora japonica* Regent - Japanese Pagoda Tree**

Pretty feathery leaves, flowers, and a spreading rounded canopy.

Very popular in Paris and New York!

(Consider space needed around each tree and possibility of wind damage)



***Pyrus calleryana* Chanticleer: Callery Pear –**

Rather dull, though it has a good compact shape and is pretty in flower in spring.



Other Urban Trees which could be planted in Brighton & Hove.

NB: not all of these will be suitable for all locations; sourcing trees is dependent on availability.

Generally members of the Rose family (rosaceae) which are smaller, more upright (fastigate) in their growth may be chosen where streets are narrow.

Latin Name	Common Name
Acer 'Negenia'	Negenia Sycamore
Acer campestra	Field maple
Alnus cordata	Italian Alder
Amelanchier spp	Juneberry/ Serviceberry
Betula papyrifera Kenaica	Kenaica Birch
Carpinus betulus x lucus	Compact Hornbeam
Cladrastis kentukea	American Yellowwood
Corylus colurna	Turkish Hazel
Crataegus spp	Hawthorns
Crataegus x lavalleyi	Hybrid Cockspurthorn
Fagus sylvatica	Beech
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair tree
Gleditsia triacanthos Skyline	Honey Locust 'Skyline'
Juglans regia	Walnut
Lagerstroemia indica Rosea	Pink Crape Myrtle
Ligustrum japonicum	Wax-leaf Privet
Liquidambar 'Worplesdon	Sweet Gum
Malus sylvestris	Crab apples
Magnolia kobus	Magnolia kobus
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Dawn Redwood
Morus spp	Mulberries
Pinus pinea	Stone Pine
Platanus x hispanica	London Plane
Prunus spp	Ornamental/ Upright Cherries
Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer	Callery Pear
Sophora japonica Regent	Japanese Pagoda
Sorbus latiflora	wild service x whitebeam)
Sorbus torminalis	Wild service tree
Tilia tomentosa	Silver Linden
Ulmus carpinifolia Wredei Aurea	Golden Elm
Ulmus Fiorente	Fiorente Elm
Ulmus New Horizon	New Horizon Elm
Ulmus Rebona	Rebona Elm
Zelkova serrata Green Vase	Japanese zelkova