

What's being planted in Phoenix

Esteban Park – December 5, 2007

Indian Rosewood (*Dalbergia sissoo*)

The Indian Rosewood is an excellent shade or street-side tree that does well in urban settings. In Arizona, it is one of the most desirable shade trees for streets and backyards. This is a fast-growing tree that can reach 60 feet tall with a spread of 35 feet. The Indian Rosewood does well in full sun and has a good drought tolerance. The trunk is prized for cabinets and other fine furniture.



Eldarica Pine (*Pinus eldarica*)

The Eldarica Pine is a great desert pine that tolerates heat, wind and drought conditions. It has strong branches and soft needles and is open and airy compared to similar trees. This tree can grow to a height of 30 to 60 feet with a 40-foot spread. The Eldarica Pine gives off a mild and fresh fragrance and is a great choice for people who want to grow Christmas trees in tough climates. It offers valuable cover, nesting and breeding areas for game and songbirds. In winter, its seeds and fruits provide food for non-migratory species.

Velvet Ash (*Fraxinus velutina*)

The Velvet Ash is a fast-growing, deciduous tree that can reach a height of 50 feet tall. This is an excellent tree for urban settings, especially parking lots, parks and medians since it does well with urban pollution and drought conditions. The Velvet Ash is a fantastic shade tree for Arizona due to its enjoyable shape which provides cool shade in the summer.



Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)

The Chinese Elm is a graceful tree with a rounded crown. Its dark green leaves change to yellow and reddish purple in fall. This tree adapts to many soil conditions and is tough and durable for any situation. The Chinese Elm is a medium- to fast-growing tree that will reach heights of 40 to 50 feet with a 40-foot spread. It is an attractive street-side tree because of its ability to grow in adverse conditions and its relative freedom from diseases that have ravaged many other Elm species.

Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)

The Chinese Pistache is a beautiful ornamental shade tree that does well in full sun or partial shade. This is a great shade tree and is tolerant of heat, drought and different kinds of soil. The leaves are lustrous and dark green, turning to a spectacular orange or red-orange in the fall. Xeriscape (dry landscaping) gardeners plant the Chinese Pistache as a critical addition for wildlife. Its seeds provide food for small rodents and birds.

