



Alternatives to Ash Trees



Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Comments
#Freeman Maple*	<i>Acer x freemanii</i>	50-60'	Urban tolerant, fast growing, many cultivars; avoid Autumn Blaze (overused)
#Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>	20-30'	Tolerates urban conditions, slow growing, attractive bark
Yellow Buckeye	<i>Aesculus flava</i>	60-75'	Tolerates urban conditions, best tree buckeye/horsechestnut, messy fruit, difficult to find
#Red Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i>	30-40'	Intolerant wet soil, messy fruit
#Apple Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	15-30'	Urban tolerant, many cultivars
Musclewood, American Hornbeam*	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	15-25'	Urban tolerant, slow growth
Common Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	50-60'	Extremely adaptable
Katsuratree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonica</i>	30-40'	Adaptable, requires moisture to establish
Turkish Filbert	<i>Corylus colurna</i>	30-50'	Urban tolerant, slow to establish, edible nuts
#Winter King Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter king'	20-25'	Thornless, four season interest, no thorns
European Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	50-60'	Zone 5; intolerant high pH, compacted soil
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	50-60'	Male cultivars only. Very urban tolerant.
#Kentucky Coffeetree*	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	50-60'	Adaptable; seed pods on female trees
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	60-90'	Prefers moist soil; best for parks, large area
Cucumbertree Magnolia	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	40-60'	Urban tolerant, requires neutral to acid soil, difficult to find
American Hophornbeam, Ironwood*	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	20-30'	Adaptable, tolerates dry sites, sun to shade
'Macho' Amur Corktree	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i> 'Macho'	25-30'	Urban tolerant, plant males only (Phellodendron lavalleyi similar)
#Swamp White Oak*	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	50-60'	Gets chlorosis on high pH soil, tolerates wet
#Chinkapin Oak*	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	40-60'	Tolerant high pH, urban tolerant,
China Snow and Beijing Gold Lilacs	<i>Syringa pekinensis</i> China Snow, Beijing Gold	15-25'	Adaptable most soils, pH; urban and salt tolerant
#Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	20-30'	Very adaptable, prefers moist soils, Ivory Silk is narrower
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	50-60'	Tolerant wet soils, will get chlorotic high pH

Redmond Linden	<i>Tilia 'Redmond'</i>	50-60'	pH adaptable, needs well drained soil
#Hybrid Elms – Accolade, Frontier & more	<i>Ulmus</i>	50-60'	Resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, urban tolerant
Lacebark Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	35-45'	Urban tolerant, adaptable
Blackhaw Viburnum*	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	12-18'	Very adaptable, use tree form

#More readily available in southeast Wisconsin nurseries

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