Tree Varieties for Central Texas
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Previous articles in this series discussed the advantages of planting trees in the home landscape and the benefits derived from trees. The second article discussed how to properly plant your selected trees and how to water new transplants. This article will give the reader suggestions on which trees to select for our Central Texas area. We have challenging soil and climate conditions. Planting trees that are adapted to this area will increase your success and give you many years of pleasure. Space limitations make the list incomplete and a full description is not possible here, but there are many books and other resources available in the community. Here are suggestions for the reader to consider when choosing trees for your landscape. Some of the varieties listed are better adapted that others for this area. As always consult with your local nurseryman to ensure the variety that you select will fill the spot in your landscape just the way your want it to.

**Best Shade Trees**
- Bur Oak
- Chinquapin Oak
- Escarpment Live Oak
- Texas Red Oak
- Cedar Elm
- Shumard Oak
- Montezuma Cypress
- Lacey Oak
- Bigtooth Maple

**Other Shade Trees**
- Pecan
- Hackberry
- Texas Ash
- Anaqua
- Chinese Parasol
- American SmokeTree
- Ginkgo
- Sweetgum
- Bald Cypress
- Fruitless Mulberry
- Bradford Pear
- Chinese Pistache
- American Sycamore
- Escarpment Black Cherry
- Roughleaf Dogwood

**Trees for Unusual Bloom or Fruit**
- Texas Mountain Laurel
- Crepe Myrtle
- Desert Willow
- Hawthorn
- Red Bud
- Yaupon Holly
- Mexican Persimmon
- Flowering Senna
- Texas Palo Verde
- Mexican Plum
- Mexican Buckeye
- Jujube
- Retama
- Possumhaw Holly
- Eve's Necklace
- Goldenball Leadtree
- Aristocrat Pear
- Soapberry
- Bigtooth Maple
- Flameleaf Sumac
- Spanish Oak
- Chinese Pistache
- Bradford Pear
- Carolina Buckthorn
- Pomegranate
- Conifers
- Arizona Cypress
- Bald Cypress
- Montezuma Cypress
- Pinyon Pine

**Smaller Trees for Small Areas**
- Texas Persimmon
- Texas Redbud
- Mexican Plum
- Southern Wax Myrtle
- Vitex
- Mexican Buckeye
- Crepe Myrtle
- Texas Mountain Laurel
- Carolina Buckthorn
- Texas Madrone

Some of the trees on this list require soil modifications or must be protected from freezing temperatures in winter. Some do better with little water and some need moist soil. Any interest in a particular variety should be accompanied by as much information as possible to insure success in your landscape. Please contact your county Extension agent or the many books and pamphlets...
available. A wealth of excellent information may be obtained at the Texas A&M website. Availability of some unusual trees may be limited. In any case be sure to obtain your trees from a reputable company. Plant them with attention to their needs for light and room for their mature size and you will have years of pleasure in beautiful trees in your landscape.