

Spring Flowering Trees

For Colorado Landscapes

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Types of Flowering Trees:

- Fruit Trees
 - Apples, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums
- Crabapples
- Hawthorns
- Ornamental Pears/Plums
- Other
 - Horsechestnut, Goldenrain Tree, Tree Lilac, Redbud, Serviceberry, Smoke Tree



Fruit Trees

Apple (*Malus* spp.)

- Pink buds open to white flowers
- Many varieties to choose from
- Haralred®, Honeycrisp™, Red Delicious
- 15' to 20' height, 10' to 18' spread

Chinese Apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*)

- Pink buds open to white flowers
- Cold and frost hardy
- Fruit is medium in size and sweet. Self-fertile
- 15' height, 10' spread

Cherry (*Prunus cerasus* 'Montmorency')

- Pink buds open to white flowers
- Cold and frost hardy, bears fruit at an early age
- Fruit is dark red with yellow flesh (June/July)
- Sour pie cherry, self-fertile and a good pollinator
- 15' height, 10' spread

Peach (*Prunus persica* 'Redhaven')

- Pink buds open to pink flowers
- One of the best peaches for our area
- Large, red-blush yellow skin with yellow flesh
- 15' height, 12' spread

Stanley Plum (*Prunus domestica* 'Stanley')

- White flowers
- Large prune type plum, dark blue fruit with yellow flesh
- Fruit ripens mid-season, good pollinator
- 15' height, 12' spread

Crabapples

Brandywine Crab (*Malus* 'Brandywine')

- Double rose-pink blossoms
- Occasionally bears a walnut sized fruit
- More fireblight and leaf blight resistant than Klehm's Bechtel
- 25' height, 20' spread



Golden Raindrops Crab (*Malus transitoria* 'Schmidtcutleaf')

- Pink buds open to white flowers
- Unusual deeply-cut leaves
- ¼" golden-yellow fruit covers the tree summer through fall
- 20' height, 15' spread



Harvest Gold Crab (*Malus* 'Harvest Gold')

- Single white flowers, bloom one week later than most crabs
- Slightly columnar, disease resistant
- Golden-yellow fruit covers the tree persisting into winter
- 30' height, 15' spread



Prairifire Crab (*Malus* 'Prairifire')

- Intense, brilliant red-pink flowers; disease resistant
- Purple-red leaves turn to green with a red cast
- Small dark red-purple fruit persists through the winter
- 20' height, 20' spread



Spring Snow Crab (*Malus* × 'Spring Snow')

- Fragrant white flowers cover the tree in the spring
- This crabapple *does not bear fruit!*
- Bright green foliage
- 20' height, 15' spread



Sargent Tina Crab (*Malus Toringo* subsp. *Sargentii* 'Tina')

- Bright yellow stamens protrude from bright red buds.
- Followed by single white flowers, and a small red fruit
- Smallest available crabapple
- 6' height, 10' spread



Centurion Crab (*Malus* 'Centzam')

- Single rose-red flowers, 5/8" cherry red fruit in late summer
- Requires little to no pruning to maintain its symmetrical form
- Disease resistant, one of the best *Malus* cultivars available
- 25' height, 15' to 20' spread



Profusion Crab (*Malus* 'Profusion')

- Deep red buds open to purple-pink flowers
- 1/2" maroon-red fruit, persists through the winter
- New leaves are purple, fading to bronze-green
- 15' height, 15' spread



Radiant Crab (*Malus* 'Radiant')

- Foliage is tinted red, turning to dark green
- Dark red flower buds open to dark pink
- Bright red fruits persist into winter
- 15' height, 15' spread



Indian Summer Crab (*Malus* 'Indian Summer')

- Rosy red flowers with persistent 1/2" glossy red fruit
- Foliage emerges bronze-red, turning to dark green
- Tolerates cold, shifts in temperature and brisk winds
- Bright red fruits persist into winter; orange fall color
- 15' height, 15' spread



Indian Magic Crab (*Malus* 'Indian Magic')

- Red buds open to single pink flowers
- Foliage dark green, orange-red fall color
- Glossy red fruits appear in August, turn to orange
- 15' height, 15' spread



Hawthorns

Cockspur Thornless Hawthorn (*Crataegus crus-galli* 'Inermis')

- White flowers appear profusely in the spring
- Foliage dark green, yellow fall color
- Bright red fruits persist through the fall
- Thornless!
- 20' height, 15' spread



Crimson Cloud Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata* 'Superba')

- Clusters of crimson flowers with a white star in the center
- Glossy green leaves
- Eye-catching display of bright red fruits persist into winter
- 15' height, 15' spread

Russian Hawthorn (*Crataegus ambigua*)

- Shrub-like tree with horizontal branching and long thin thorns
- White spring flowers
- Red fruits persist into winter-great source of food for birds!
- Orange to red fall color
- 15' height, 15' spread



Washington Hawthorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)

- Long lasting white flowers
- Bright scarlet fruit
- Glossy green foliage with an excellent red fall color
- 20' height, 15' spread



Winter King Hawthorn (*Crataegus viridis* 'Winter King')

- ½" white flowers in clusters 2" across
- Shiny green leaves turning purple to scarlet in the fall
- Small, persistent bright red fruit
- 30' height, 20' spread



Lavelle Hawthorn (*Crataegus x lavellei*)

- More erect and open branching than most hawthorns
- Dark green leaves turn bronze-red in fall, persist well into winter
- White spring flowers, clusters of orange-red berries
- 25' height, 10' spread

Ornamental Pears

Chanticleer®/Cleveland Select Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)

- Evenly branched tree with a cone-shape habit
- Glossy green foliage, brilliant orange-red fall color
- White flowers in the spring, "fruitless"
- 35' height, 15' spread

Prairie Gem™ Pear (*Pyrus ussuriensis* 'Mordak')

- Dense, round-headed tree
- Glossy green leaves, followed by a yellow fall color
- 1" diameter white flowers in the spring
- Non-edible 1 ½" yellow-green fruit
- 25' height, 25' spread

Ornamental Plums

Newport Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport')

- Colorful tree with reddish purple foliage
- White-pink flowers in spring, seldom sets fruit
- Very sensitive to over watering (especially turf areas)
- Can be susceptible to peach/plum borer
- 15' height, 10' spread

Princess Kay Plum (*Prunus nigra* 'Princess Kay')

- 2000 Colorado State Plant Select® program selection
- Double white flowers appear before the foliage
- Flowers have a very pleasant fragrance
- Open, oval form, green leaves that turn red-purple in fall
- Bark is almost black, with prominent white horizontal lenticels
- 12' height, 10' spread

Horsechestnut

Red Horsechestnut (*Aesculus x carnea* 'Briotti')

- Round-headed crown, with large dark green leaves
- 8" rosy-crimson plumes April-May
- Distinctive, thorny fruit typical of the species
- Smaller variety, great for tighter garden areas
- Susceptible to leaf scorch
- 40' height, 30' spread

Ft. McNair Horsechestnut (*Aesculus x carnea* 'Ft. McNair')

- All of the same characteristics of Red Horsechestnut
- Flowers are pink with a yellow throat
- More durable, less susceptible to leaf scorch
- 40' height, 30' spread

Yellow Horsechestnut (*Aesculus flava*)

- Dark green foliage, large oval crown
- Pale yellow flowers on upright 6'7" panicles mid-May
- Fall color yellow-orange
- 45' height, 35' spread

Other Flowering Trees

Goldenrain Tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)

- Unusual tree with attractive compound leaves
- Clusters of yellow flowers in early summer
- Yellow-green pods look like Chinese lanterns
- Pods turn to tan-brown – seeds sprout profusely!
- True xeric tree
- 30' height, 25' spread



Purple Smoke Tree (*Cotinus coggygria*)

- Rich, dark purple leaves last throughout the season
- Can take on the form of a multi-stem shrub or tree
- Small pinkish white flowers in airy clusters
- 15' height, 10' spread

Western Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

- Large heart shaped leaves
- Fast growing, adaptable and xeric in nature
- White flowers with pink veins in the throat
- Long cigar shaped pods
- 50' height, 30' spread



Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*)

- Large heart shaped leaves
- Fast growing, adaptable and xeric in nature
- White flowers with pink veins in the throat
- Long cigar shaped pods
- 50' height, 30' spread



Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

- Beautiful purplish-pink blooms cover the tree in spring
- Attractive rich green heart shaped leaves
- *Needs protection!* Blooming can be erratic due to spring frosts
- 20' height, 15' spread

Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* × *grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance')

- Fringe-like white flowers in spring, very reliable
- Edible berries mature in June, attractive to birds
- Outstanding orange-red fall color
- 15' height, 10' spread