



EVERGREEN TREES THAT YOU SHOULD BE PLANTING IN YOUR LANDSCAPE IN OHIO

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Japanese Cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*) Japan/China

Leaves: Evergreen, spirally arranged awl-shaped, bright green to bluish green.

Size: 50 to 60' by 20 to 30'

Habit: Pyramidal or conical relatively graceful in habit

Rate: Medium

Bark: Beautiful peeling reddish brown

Culture: Easy to grow in good soil with abundant moisture

Landscape Value: Some insect and disease problems but overall a handsome tree

Satyr Hill American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) Native

Leaves: Evergreen, elliptic-lanceolate, spiny teeth, dark green to yellowish green

Size: 15 – 30' depending on conditions

Habit: Pyramidal. With age irregular and picturesque, with contorted branching

Rate: Slow

Culture: Needs moist, loose, ACID, well- drained soil. A pH test for acid soil is needed.

Landscape Value: Fruit display can be spectacular. Trees planted by George Washington are still alive at Mt. Vernon.



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Lacebark Pine (Pinus bungeana) China

Leaves: Needles are stiff, grayish-green, glabrous

Size: 30 – 50'

Habit: Pyramidal, often many trunks, flat-topped with age

Rate: Slow

Culture: Sunny, well-drained soils. A very adaptable species.

Landscape Value: Bark rich mosaic embellishes of white, gray, pink, green. Tolerant of most well drained soils including pollution tolerance. Can be grown in container. May exist in the landscape for one or more centuries.

Serbian Spruce (Picea omorika) Southeast Europe

Leaves: Overlapping, forward, compressed dark green glaucous white needles

Size: 50 to 60'

Rate: Slow to Medium

Culture: Deep well drained soils are best. Grows on acid peat to limestone soils. Full sun to semi-shade. A very adaptable species.

Landscape Value: Excellent for Midwestern states.

Limber Pine (Pinus flexilis) Mountains, Alberta to Mexico

Leaves: Needles crowded, forward, twisted dark green to glaucous dark green

Size: 30 – 50'

Habit: Dense and pyramidal in youth, flat topped with age.

Culture: Likes moist well-drained soils. Adaptable to sun or light shade. Can take rocky areas.

Landscape Value: Wind tolerant in difficult winters. Adaptable species



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Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) East-central North America

Leaves: Scale like, pointed can be glaucous green, smells like a cedar chest. Varies, green, blue-green, Bronze to yellow brown in winter.

Size: 40 – 50'

Rate: Medium

Habit: Dense when young. Wildly variable, columnar to broad. Pyramidal to weeping.

Culture: Acid and high pH soils. Highly adaptable.

Green Giant Western Arborvitae (*Thuja plicata* x *T. standishii*) California to Alaska to Montana

Leaves: Short and blunt, overlapping lustrous and dark green

Size: 40' plus, not sure anyone knows the potential height of this hybrid cedar.

Rate: Fast – 35' in 13 years. 4' per year in ideal soil conditions.

Habit: Pyramidal Tree. Some yellowing winter color

Culture: Moist soils to well drained. pH adaptable. Stunted on very dry soils. Very adaptable.