LAURA EISENER'S PLANT LIST

All are hardy at least to Zone 5 unless otherwise noted.

Large Shade Trees (deciduous)

Acer rubrum - Red Maple

120' tall, 50' wide. North American Native. Tolerates most soils. Bright red (occasionally yellow) fall foliage. Root system shallow.









Cercidiphyllum japonicum - Katsura Tree

100' tall, 50-70' wide. Wide fan-shaped crown at maturity, somewhat like Elm. Male trees narrower than females, but both can be used as park and urban trees in the correct location. Fruits on females are abundant but small. Leaves heart-shaped, golden in fall. Disease resistant.





Corylus colurna - Turkish Filbert

80' tall, 35' wide. Broad pyramid crown. Drought tolerant, tolerates all soils. Very sturdy. Attractive foliage, small nuts. Not very widely available. Disease - resistant.







Ginkgo biloba - Maidenhair Tree

120' tall, 70' wide. Somewhat awkward in youth but more graceful at maturity. Fan shaped foliage, bright gold fall color. Only males are planted since females produce a fruit with an obnoxious odor (though seeds are edible). Very disease resistant.







Gleditsia triacanthos inermis - Thornless Honey Locust

140' tall, 90' wide. Rounded or fan-shaped crown. North American Native. Foliage very fine textured, with leaflets so small they rarely, if ever, need raking. Female trees produce a very long, leathery pod. Beware of seedling propagated plants, as they produce many large, branching thorns. Very commonly used as street tree, many cultivars (mostly male) available.





Gymnocladus dioica - Kentucky Coffee Tree

100' tall, 40' wide. Irregular oval crown. North American Native. Male trees don't produce fruit (fruit on females is a woody pod, more rigid but not as long as Honey Locust. Becoming more widely available.





Platanus acerifolia - London Plane Tree

120' tall, 80' wide. Rounded to oval crown. Large maple-like leaves, but not much fall color. Very attractive exfoliating bark. Moderately disease resistant, very long lived. Popular hybrid for cities in Europe and US.







Styphnolobium japonicum - Scholar Tree

80' tall, 50' wide. Rounded or fan-shaped crown. Foliage very fine textured, leaflets almost as small as Honey Locust. Showy white flower clusters in late summer, but flowers can stain paint of parked cars. Disease resistant.









Small/medium Understory Trees (deciduous)

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy' - 'Forest Pansy' Redbud

40' tall, 25' wide. Sun to shade. North American Native. Heart shaped leaves, dark red in this cultivar especially in spring. Deep pink -purple flowers in May before foliage emerges. Zone 6.







Fraxinus ornus - Flowering Ash

60' tall, 35' wide. Oval to rounded crown. Sun or light shade. Disease resistant. Medium textured compound foliage. Fragrant showy white flowers in May. Not very widely available. Zone 6.







Oxydendrum arboreum - Sorrel Tree or Sourwood

50' (rarely taller) tall, 25' wide. Upright oval crown, more rounded if multistemmed. Sun to shade. North American Native. Creamy bell-shaped flowers June-August. Oval foliage. Red fall color.







Sorbus alnifolia - Korean Ash

60' tall, 40' wide. Rounded crown. Sun or light shade. Disease resistant. Oval green foliage, turns golden in fall. White flower clusters in May, small pinkish red fruits in fall.









Styrax japonicus - Janpanese Snowbell

30' tall, 20' wide. Oval upright crown. Sun to deep shade. Small white bell-shaped flowers in June. Yellowish fall foliage color. Very drought tolerant.







Evergreen Shrubs

Ilex glabra - Inkberry

8' tall, 4' wide if unpruned. Upright oval. Sun or part shade. North American Native. Small oval foliage, does not droop in winter. Non-showy flowers attractive to bees in May. Females, if pollinated, produce a black berry, but nurseries seldom know if their plants are male or female!







Ilex meserveae - Blue Holly

10' tall, 10' wide if unpruned. Rounded. Sun to shade. Disease and insect resistant, very cold hardy hybrid. Spiny blue-green leaves. Non-showy flowers attractive to bees in May. Females, if pollinated, produce a bright red berry that lasts most of the winter, and nurseries generally label male or female plants very clearly! Female cultivars include 'Blue Maid', 'Blue Princess', and 'Blue Angel'. Males include 'Blue Stallion' and 'Blue Prince'.





Juniperus horizontalis - Creeping Juniper

1' high, 4' wide. Creeping shrub. Sun. North American Native. Green to bluegreen needles. Drought, salt, wind tolerant.







Kalmia latifolia - Mountain Laurel

15-20' tall, at least equally wide. Part sun to shade. Can colonize gradually. North American Native. Oval foliage, does not droop in winter. White or pink flowers, many cultivars widely available. Flowers best in sun but leaf burn can occur. Becomes leggy if unpruned.





Rhododendron 'P.J.M. - PJM Rhododendron

6' tall, 5' wide. Prefers sun. Upright oval to rounded form. Locally developed (Weston Nurseries) hybrid. Pink-purple flowers in early May, small foliage green in season and purplish in winter. Tolerant of wide range of soils, disease resistant.





Rhododendron obtusum - Hiryu Azalea (Kurume azalea)

3' tall, 4' wide. Spreading shrub. Sun to shade. Reddish orange flowers in May. Small oval semi-evergreen foliage, often bronzey in winter.



Shrubs (deciduous)

Calycanthus floridus - Carolina Allspice or Strawberry Shrub

10' tall, 8' wide. Rounded shrub. Sun or part shade. North American Native. Dark red (yellow in one cultivar) fragrant flowers in June and sporadically through later summer. Medium-large oval leaves with yellow fall color.







Clethra alnifolia - Summersweet

10' tall, 4' wide. Upright to rounded. Sun or part shade. North American Native. Small white or pink flower spikes in August, golden fall foliage color, interesting "peppercorn" -like fruits remain year round. Not very drought resistant.







Potentilla fruticosa - Shrubby Cinquefoil

2-4' tall, 2' wide. Upright. Sun. Small usually yellow flowers (white and orange cultivars available) most of summer. Small trifoliate leaves.





Rosa 'The Fairy' - The Fairy Rose

5' tall, 5' wide. Rounded. Sun. Small double pink flowers June - fall, no fruit. Green stems, few thorns. Small leaves. Disease resistant.





Spiraea 'Gold Flame' - 'Gold Flame' Spirea

4' tall, 4' wide. Rounded. Sun to part shade. Small, flat clusters of deep rose flowers most of summer. Pointed leaves emerge orange, become yellow-green through summer (more green in shade), then turn red-orange again in fall.







Vaccinium corymbosum - Highbush Blueberry

15' tall, 10' wide. Upright to rounded. Sun or part shade. North American Native. Small white or pink bell-shaped flowers in May, blue edible fruit in July, deep red fall foliage color, pinkish twigs in winter.











Vaccinium angustifolium - Lowbush Blueberry

1' tall, 3' wide. Spreading. Sun or part shade. North American Native. Small white or pink bell-shaped flowers in May, blue edible fruit in July, deep red fall foliage color, pinkish twigs in winter.









Viburnum trilobum - American Cranberry Viburnum

10' tall, 5' wide. Upright. Sun or part shade. North American Native. White doily-like flower clusters in early June. Bright red fruits lasting all winter, not devoured by birds until spring. Red fall foliage color. Maple-like leaves.







