

Tall Shrubs and Trees

Common Name	Species	Local, Regional, Western, Midwestern Native, or Introduced		Height	Flower color	Flower time	Fruit	Evergreen	Xeric	Comment
Douglas' Maple	<i>Acer glabrum</i> var. <i>douglasii</i>	L		up to 20'	green	spring		no	somewhat	Forest shrub
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	L		shrub	white	spring	yes	no	yes	Attracts birds, tasty fruit. Widely available. Choice cultivars available.
Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	L		Rarely to 15ft. Usually 5 - 8 ft.	green	fall		yes	extremely	Great accent plant. Fragrant. Very important to many wildlife & bird species. Silvery foliage and interesting form attractive yearround.
Water Birch	<i>Betula occidentalis</i>	L		20' tall	inconspicuous	spring	catkin	no	no	A beautiful, slightly weeping, round topped tree for a moist site or bioswale.
Fernbush, Sweetshrub	<i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	W		6-8 ft	white	summer	no	somewhat	very	This little known Western native is excellent for use as a specimen or in groups for screening and hedges. The showy flower spikes resemble those of white lilacs, blooming in the summer.
Black Hawthorne	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	L		10 - 15 feet	white	spring	yes	no	somewhat	Very important to birds. Magpies and orioles nest in it. Plentiful, large black fruits are important bird food. Good tall barrier hedge species if unpruned. Can be pruned to an attractive landscape shrub.

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Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	L	Variable. Can be tree form.	white	spring	yes		yes	Very showy flower spikes. Fruit great for birds. Used for jellies, wines & beers. Tree form where very well watered. Cultivars available.
Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	L	6 -8 ft.	yellow	spring	yes	no	somewhat	Tall shrub with three season interest: fragrant yellow flowers in spring, tasty orange fruit in summer, good fall colors. Attracts birds and bees.
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	L	Up to 15 - 20 ft.	Creamy white	spring	yes	no	yes	Bird attracting, edible fruit. Good screen.
Buffaloberry	<i>Shepherdia canadensis</i>	L	Forest shrub	White	spring	yes	no	somewhat	Forest shrub; male & female plants. Scarlet fruits on females. Interesting coppery dots on twigs & foliage. Very upright & attractive shrub. Rarely available in commerce.
Western Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	L	6 - 8 ft.	white	spring	yes	no	somewhat	This beautiful native shrub has three season interest, with white flowers early in the summer, orange berries in summer, and bright fall foliage. Native to open-forested areas in the west. Sun or part shade. Zones 4-9.