**El Paso County Native Trees & Shrubs**

**Why Native Plants?**

* They are adapted to our soils and climates
* Easier to maintain and require little or no soil amendments, fertilizer, or pesticides
* Require little or no supplemental irrigation – once established
* Support our native birds, bees, butterflies, and insects

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Mature Size | Growth Rate | Sun or  Shade | Soil Preference |
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| NATIVE TREES – DECIDUOUS | | | | | |
| *Acer grandidentatum* | Bigtooth maple | 25-30’ x 20-25’ | Slow | fs | Adaptable |
| *Prunus x virginiana* ‘Sucker Punch’ | Sucker Punch’ chokecherry | 15-20’ x 10-15’ | Medium | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Ptelea trifoliata* | Wafer ash | 10-15’ x 5’ | Medium | fs-ps | Well-drained loams |
| *Quercus gambelii* | Gambel oak | 5-15’ x 10-15’ | Slow | fs | Coarse, well-drained |
| *Quercus undulata* | Wavyleaf oak | 10’ x 10’ | Medium | fs-ps | Loam to clay |
| *Robinia neomexicana* | New Mexico locust (shrubby) | 10-20’ x 15-20’ | Medium | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| NATIVE TREES - EVERGREEN | | | | | |
| *Juniperus monosperma* | Oneseed juniper | 15-25' X 10-15' | Slow | fs | Well-drained |
| *Juniperus osteosperma* | Utah juniper | 15-30' x 10-15' | Very slow | fs | Dry, rocky |
| *Juniperus scopulorum* | Rocky Mountain juniper | 15-25' x 5-15' | Slow | fs | Dry, rocky |
| *Picea pungens* | Blue spruce | 15-80’ X 8-35’ | Slow | FS | Well-drained |
| *Pinus aristata* | Bristlecone pine | 15-40' x 15-25' | Slow | fs | Adaptable, rocky |
| *Pinus flexilis* | Limber pine | 30-40' x 10-15' | Medium | fs | Adaptable, dry |
| *Pinus ponderosa* | Ponderosa pine | 45-50' x 25-30' | Medium | fs | Adaptable |
| *Pinus edulis* | Pinyon pine | 15-25' x 15-20' | Slow-Medium | fs | Well-drained, sandy |
| *Pinus strobiformis* | Southwestern white pine | 40' x 20' | Medium-Fast | fs | Well-drained |
| NATIVE SHRUBS - DECIDUOUS | | | | | |
| *Amelanchier alnifolia* | Saskatoon serviceberry | 15' x 15' | White | fs-ps | Well-drained |
| *Amorpha canescens* | Leadplant | 4' x 4' | bluish purple | fs | Adaptable |
| *Amorpha fruticosa* | Indigobush | 4' x 4' | violet purple | fs | Well-drained |
| *Amorpha nana* | Dwarf leadplant | 2' x 2' | purple | fs | Adaptable |
| *Cercocarpus montanus* | Mountain mahogany | 15' x 15' | insig. | fs | Adaptable |
| *Cornus sericea* | Dogwood | 6' x 8' | white | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Fallugia paradoxa* | Apache plume | 6' x 6' | white | fs | Adaptable |
| *Forestiera neomexicana* | New Mexico privet | 12' x 12' | insig | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Holodiscus dumosus* | Rock spirea | 7' x 9' | cream | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Prunus americana* | American plum | 12' x 10' | white | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Prunus virginia* | Chokecherry | 10-20' x 10-20' | white | ps-fs | Adaptable |
| *Philadelphus microphyllus* | Littleleaf mockorange | 4' x 5' | white | fs-ps | Sandy to loam |
| *Potentilla fruticosa* | Shrubby cinquefoil | 4' x 4' | yellow | fs | Adaptable |
| *Prunus besseyi* | Western sandcherry | 6' x 5' | white | fs | Well-drained |
| *Purshia tridentata* | Antelope bitterbrush | 5' x 4' | cream | fs | Well-drained |
| *Ribes aureum* | Golden currant | 6' x 5' | yellow | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Ribes cereum* | Wax currant | 4' x 3' | pink | fs | Adaptable |
| *Rhamnus smithii* | Smith's buckthorn | 8' x 8' | insig. | fs | Adaptable |
| *Rhus glabra* | Rocky Mountain sumac | 5' x 6-20' | insig | fs | Adaptable |
| *Rhus trilobata* | Three Leaf sumac | 4-6' x 5-8' | insig | fs | Adaptable |
| *Rosa woodsii* | Wood's rose | 3-5' x 4-5' | pink | fs-ps | Loam |
| *Rubus deliciosus* | Boulder raspberry | 8' x 6' | white | fs-ps | Adaptable |
| *Shepherdia argentea* | Silver buffaloberry | 6-15' x 8' | insig. | fs | Adaptable |
| *Symphoricarpos albus* | Snowberry | 4' x 6' | white to pink | fs-ps-s | Adaptable |
| NATIVE SHRUBS - EVERGREEN | | | | | |
| *Artemisia tridentata* | Big sagebrush | 8' x 8' | insig. | fs | Dry, rocky |
| *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* | Bearberry, Kinnikinnick | 0.5-1' x 3-6' | white-to-pink | fs-ps | Well-drained |
| *Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis* | Manzanita | 1' x 2-3' | pink | fs-ps | Well-drained |
| *Artemisia cana* | Silver sagebrush | 1-3' x 1-3' | yellow | fs | Well-drained |
| *Artemisia filifolia* | Sand sagebrush | 3-4' x 3-4' | white | fs | Well-drained |
| *Artemisia tridentata* | Western sage | 4-6' x 3-6' | yellow | fs | Well-drained |
| *Atriplex canescens* | Four Wing saltbush | 3-6' x 4-8' | yellow | fs | Adaptable |
| *Atriplex confertifolia* | Shadscale saltbush | 3' x 5' | yellow | fs | Well-drained |
| *Cercocarpus intricatus* | Dwarf mountain mahogany | 4' x 4' | insig. | fs | Adaptable |
| *Cercocarpus ledifolius* | Curl leaf mountain mahogany | 15' x 15' | insig. | fs | Well-drained |
| *Ephedra viridis* | Mormon tea | 4' x 6' | yellow | fs | Well-drained |
| *Krascheninnikovia lanata* | Winterfat | 3' x 2' | white | fs | Adaptable |
| *Mahonia fremontii* | Fremont mahonia | 6-10' x 6-10' | yellow | fs | Adaptable |
| *Mahonia repens* | Creeping mahonia | 1' x 4' | yellow | fs-ps-s | Adaptable |

Key: Sun or Shade: FS = Full Sun, PS = Partial Shade, S = Shade