

Small Trees for Stressful Urban Sites
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Name	Height/Spread (in feet)	Resistant to
Trident Maple *	20-35/15-25	Poor & dry soils
American Holly	20-50/15-30	Wet soils
Golden Rain Tree (A similar tree, the Chinese flame tree, has the yellow flowers and pink seed pods.)	20-30/10-15	Poor & dry soils
Crape Myrtle * (Select from many excellent named varieties and you will be able to determine final height, width, fall color and disease resistance before you plant. Resist the urge to buy no-name plants unless you do not care about final size, growth habit or disease resistance. Seed heads persist into the next year and the tree requires regular pruning.)	15-30/10-15	Dry soils
Saucer Magnolia (Any early bloomer that can be killed back by frost.)	20-30/15-20	Wet soils
Chinese Evergreen Oak (Slow grower. This can be an advantage if you want it to stay small longer)	30-40/20-30	Poor & dry soils
Chinese Pistache * (Good fall color. Bears very small berries in the fall. The berries fall off fairly quickly and should not be a problem except in high traffic areas that must be kept very clean.)	30-40/20-30	Poor & dry soils
Flowering Pear (Has weak branches that tend to break as the tree ages. Expect 15 or so years of good growth out of this tree. Then the branches may start breaking out. This can make the tree a hazard in some areas. This time can vary widely. Some varieties have fruits that persist into the next year.)	30-50/25-35	Poor and dry soils

*I would try one of these. Willie