



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
NATIVE TREES – DECIDUOUS					
<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	Bigtooth maple	25-30' x 20-25'	Slow	fs	Adaptable
<i>Prunus x virginiana 'Sucker Punch'</i>	Sucker Punch' chokecherry	15-20' x 10-15'	Medium	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Wafer ash	10-15' x 5'	Medium	fs-ps	Well-drained loams
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel oak	5-15' x 10-15'	Slow	fs	Coarse, well-drained
<i>Quercus undulata</i>	Wavyleaf oak	10' x 10'	Medium	fs-ps	Loam to clay
<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	New Mexico locust (shrubby)	10-20' x 15-20'	Medium	fs-ps	Adaptable
NATIVE TREES - EVERGREEN					
<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	Oneseed juniper	15-25' X 10-15'	Slow	fs	Well-drained
<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	Utah juniper	15-30' x 10-15'	Very slow	fs	Dry, rocky
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Rocky Mountain juniper	15-25' x 5-15'	Slow	fs	Dry, rocky
<i>Pinus aristata</i>	Bristlecone pine	15-40' x 15-25'	Slow	fs	Adaptable, rocky
<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber pine	30-40' x 10-15'	Medium	fs	Adaptable, dry
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	45-50' x 25-30'	Medium	fs	Adaptable
<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Pinyon pine	15-25' x 15-20'	Slow-Medium	fs	Well-drained, sandy
<i>Pinus strobiformis</i>	Southwestern white pine	40' x 20'	Medium-Fast	fs	Well-drained
NATIVE SHRUBS - DECIDUOUS					
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	15' x 15'	White	fs-ps	Well-drained
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	4' x 4'	bluish purple	fs	Adaptable
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Indigobush	4' x 4'	violet purple	fs	Well-drained
<i>Amorpha nana</i>	Dwarf leadplant	2' x 2'	purple	fs	Adaptable
<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	Mountain mahogany	15' x 15'	insig.	fs	Adaptable
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Dogwood	6' x 8'	white	fs-ps	Adaptable

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<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache plume	6' x 6'	white	fs	Adaptable
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	New Mexico privet	12' x 12'	insig	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>	Rock spirea	7' x 9'	cream	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American plum	12' x 10'	white	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Prunus virginia</i>	Chokecherry	10-20' x 10-20'	white	ps-fs	Adaptable
<i>Philadelphus microphyllus</i>	Littleleaf mockorange	4' x 5'	white	fs-ps	Sandy to loam
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby cinquefoil	4' x 4'	yellow	fs	Adaptable
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	Western sandcherry	6' x 5'	white	fs	Well-drained
<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Antelope bitterbrush	5' x 4'	cream	fs	Well-drained
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant	6' x 5'	yellow	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Ribes cereum</i>	Wax currant	4' x 3'	pink	fs	Adaptable
<i>Rhamnus smithii</i>	Smith's buckthorn	8' x 8'	insig.	fs	Adaptable
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Rocky Mountain sumac	5' x 6-20'	insig	fs	Adaptable
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Three Leaf sumac	4-6' x 5-8'	insig	fs	Adaptable
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Wood's rose	3-5' x 4-5'	pink	fs-ps	Loam
<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Boulder raspberry	8' x 6'	white	fs-ps	Adaptable
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Silver buffaloberry	6-15' x 8'	insig.	fs	Adaptable
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	4' x 6'	white to pink	fs-ps-s	Adaptable
NATIVE SHRUBS - EVERGREEN					
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big sagebrush	8' x 8'	insig.	fs	Dry, rocky
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry, Kinnikinnick	0.5-1' x 3-6'	white-to-pink	fs-ps	Well-drained
<i>Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis</i>	Manzanita	1' x 2-3'	pink	fs-ps	Well-drained
<i>Artemisia cana</i>	Silver sagebrush	1-3' x 1-3'	yellow	fs	Well-drained
<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>	Sand sagebrush	3-4' x 3-4'	white	fs	Well-drained
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Western sage	4-6' x 3-6'	yellow	fs	Well-drained
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four Wing saltbush	3-6' x 4-8'	yellow	fs	Adaptable
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i>	Shadscale saltbush	3' x 5'	yellow	fs	Well-drained
<i>Cercocarpus intricatus</i>	Dwarf mountain mahogany	4' x 4'	insig.	fs	Adaptable
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Curl Leaf mountain mahogany	15' x 15'	insig.	fs	Well-drained
<i>Ephedra viridis</i>	Morman tea	4' x 6'	yellow	fs	Well-drained
<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>	Winterfat	3' x 2'	white	fs	Adaptable
<i>Mahonia fremontii</i>	Fremont mahonia	6-10' x 6-10'	yellow	fs	Adaptable
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping mahonia	1' x 4'	yellow	fs-ps-s	Adaptable

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