

Native Trees for Johnson County, KS

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height(ft)	Spread(ft)	Characteristics	Notes
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood	60	35	Large stately tree with leaves turning to yellow in fall. Small yellow flowers attract bees	Very versatile tree either in wet/dry soils or sun/shade
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	50	45	Dark green leaves turning yellow/red in the fall. White tassel like flowers develop into small red fruits that then turn black in the fall.	Can grow in either full sun or partial shade.
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	75	75	Very large and slow growing oak with large acorns	Prefers full sun.
<i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Downy Hawthorn	20	20	Small native tree with wide spreading canopy. White showy flowers give way to red fruits.	Tree does have thorns but like variable soils and full sun.
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	25	15	White star shaped flowers in early spring, yellow to red fall color	Prefers part sun to shade
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	45	45	Yellow fall color with distinctive corky ridges on bark.	Versatile moisture requirements and very reliable tree
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffee Tree	70	20	Short trunk shade tree with open canopy and long cylindrical seed pods.	very tough tree for many situations. Male trees will not produce seeds
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw	25	15	Deep red flower in April/May, large leaves turning yellow in fall and fruits that resemble a banana	Prefers moist bottom land soil

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<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	60	40	Large shade tree, nuts great for wildlife and yellow fall color	Prefers shade
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud	25	25	Large heart shaped leaves, clusters of bright pink blooms in spring and yellow fall color	Great understory tree or in full sun.
<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	Roughleaf Dogwood	12	12	Can be trained into tree or left as large shrub. Bright red fall color and great clusters of white flowers in late spring	Very tough tree for many situations.
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	60	50	Great shade tree with tremendous fall color. Produces small 'helicopter' seeds	Can tolerate shade but better fall color in sun.
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	50	50	Interesting bark with dark green leaves. Faster growing for the oak family and good source of food for wildlife	Very adaptable to either swampy wet or dry soils.
<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	Western Soapberry	25	20	A small lesser known native tree with glossy green leaves turning yellow in the fall. Produces yellow grape-like fruit.	Slower growing and prefers full sun.
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	60	60	Majestic oak species with rounded lobed leaves and scaly bark. Very long lived	Prefers deep well drained soil.