

## TREE DESCRIPTIONS

**Baldcypress** grows at a medium rate to 50-70' tall with a 25' spread. The short, needle-like leaves emerge yellow-green in spring, turning soft green in summer to reddish or orange-brown in the fall. It produces 1/2-1 1/2" cones annually.

**Weeping Willow** grows fast to 30'-40' tall with a 35' spread. It has a wide, open crown of ground-sweeping branches with light green leaves. Grows well near water.

**Tuliptree** grows fast to 70'-90' tall with a 40' spread. In spring, the large, cup-shaped flowers are greenish-yellow with aromatic stems. The bright green leaves change to golden yellow in the fall. Squirrels and birds eat the seeds. The flowers are a favorite of the ruby throated hummingbird.

**Thornless Honeylocust** grows fast to 30'-70' tall with a 50' spread. It has fragrant yellow spring flowers. The bright green leaves in summer turn to yellow-green in the fall. Long leathery brown seed pods ripen in fall.

**Northern Red Oak** grows fast to 60'-75' tall with a 45' spread. It produces 3/4"-1" acorns after 25 years. The leaves are a shiny rich green color in summer turning russet-red to bright red in the fall.

**Pin Oak** grows fast to 60'-70' tall with a 35' spread. It produces 1/2" acorns after 20 years. Leaves are glossy dark green in summer and scarlet to bronze in the fall.

**Red Maple** grows fast to 40'-60' tall with a 40' spread. The seeds ripen in the spring. Emerging leaves are reddish tinged, gradually changing to medium or dark green with red stems throughout the spring and summer. In fall the leaves turn to crimson red.

**Sugar Maple** grows at a slow to medium rate to 60'-75' tall with a 45' spread. Dark green summer leaves turn into brilliant shades of yellow, orange, or red in the fall. The seeds ripen just before the leaves fall.

**Silver Maple** grows fast to 50'-80' tall with a 50'-60' spread. The seeds ripen in late spring to early summer. In summer the leaves are green on top with a silvery white underside. They turn yellow in the fall. Place at least 10' from sidewalk or drive.

**River Birch** grows at a medium fast to 40'-70' tall with a 50' spread. It has cinnamon-colored exfoliating bark and lustrous medium-green leaves in summer turning a soft yellow in the fall. It likes to be near water, but can adapt.

1211 – 10 Shade Trees



Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key and tree color code chart are on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or on the online Tree Guide at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at [info@arborday.org](mailto:info@arborday.org).

Best regards,



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## Leaf Identification



Baldcypress



Weeping Willow



Northern Red Oak



River Birch



Thornless Honeylocust



Pin Oak



Red Maple



Tuliptree



Silver Maple



Sugar Maple

## COLOR CODE CHART

Ten Shade Trees  
(Package 1211)

<u>Tree</u>	<u>Paint Color (above roots)</u>
Baldcypress ( <i>Taxodium distichum</i> )	Light Blue
Weeping Willow ( <i>Salix babylonica</i> )	Gold
Tuliptree ( <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> )	Purple
Thornless Honeylocust ( <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i> )	Brown
Northern Red Oak ( <i>Quercus rubra</i> )	Dark Blue
Pin Oak ( <i>Quercus palustris</i> )	Green
Red Maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	Yellow
Sugar Maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	No Paint
Silver Maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )	Red
River Birch ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )	Silver