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"Roots in the past, planting for the future."

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## More Great Trees To Consider

Amelanchier × grandiflora 'Forest Prince' Serviceberry

## Zelkova serrata Japanese Zelkova

The Japanese Zelkova is a fine tree that is often used in place of the American Elm, and is native to Asia. It is also considered a medium to large tree, so it cannot be planted under utility wires. It may grow to a height of 50' with a spread of 40'. In the wild they can grow 120'! It also is a good all-around tree that will thrive in most conditions. It is vase shaped with upright arching branches. The growth rate is considered medium to fast. Leaves are oblong and serrated, turning variable colors of yellow, orange, and red in fall and can be quite showy. The bark is somewhat ornamental being reddish-brown. "Green Vase" is a common and popular cultivar.



Japanese Zelkova Oregon State University/Dept. Of Horticulture

## Maclura Pomifera Osage Orange (male)

Mention this tree to some and you may be accused of being crazy! The Osage Orange is well-know in agriculture as it has been used for decades on the plains as a thick, thorny, impenetrable hedgerow. The tree also produces a baseball-sized fruit by the hundreds! They thrive in many hedgerows here in WNY. So, why on earth would anyone plant this tree?

It was long thought that if the tree could one day be rid of its' undesirable characteristics, it would be an attractive and extremely durable tree. That day has arrived! There are several male cultivars available today that produce a thornless and fruitless tree, that is so tough it can grow almost anywhere. "Whiteshield" and "Wichita" are two such varieties. Osage Orange is considered a smaller large tree, and can sometimes be planted under utility wires. It may grow to a height of 30'-40' with an equal spread. It is somewhat irregular in shape, and rounded with age with low branches. It accepts heavy pruning, and the growth rate is fast. Leaves are oblong and glossy green, turning yellow in fall. All in all, this is a great tree that some communities have fought to save!



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