

## SMALL TREES FOR A BIG IMPACT SKY NURSERY 2006

Many people are looking for smaller trees—to anchor a small bed, to plant in a parking strip or under power lines, or even to grow in containers on a deck or patio. You can find flowering trees, shade trees, and evergreens in weeping, columnar, pyramidal, or rounded forms that can be maintained at 15' or under. Here are some of the recommended smaller trees Sky is carrying in 2006.

### DWARF CONIFERS

Dwarf conifers are now available in a huge array of sizes, colors, and forms—too many to list in detail. Sizes range from bonsai subjects on up. You can find colors ranging from true green, blue green, gray green, chartreuse, rust, gold, and olive, to green tipped with cream, gold, or white. Conifer shapes include topiaries (spiral or ball forms), columns and spires, “Christmas Trees”, ovals, irregular or vasselike spreaders, and weepers. Sky carries hundreds of evergreens year-round—come in and see our current selection.

### STANDARDS (FLOWERING SHRUBS GROWN AS TREES)

Many popular shrubs (and a few vines) can be grown as ‘standards’—grafted onto a trunk so the plant has a tree-like form. Roses, lilacs, flowering currants, camellias, wisteria, viburnum, and some herbs (especially rosemary) are all available in this form. Other shrubs available trained as trees include contorted filbert, rhododendrons, Diabolo ninebark, peegee hydrangeas, rose of Sharon, and smoke bush. These plants look like miniature trees—generally 2' to 6' in height—and have the bloom characteristics of the original plant. Many do excellently in containers. Call for availability.

### ESPALIERS (TREES TRAINED AS A “FENCE”)

‘Espalier’ is an age-old technique originally employed to grow fruit trees in small gardens along walls and fences. It involves training the plant to grow two-dimensionally, as though along a flat surface. An espalier tree can grow along a wall or can replace a fence. Sky carries several kinds of fruit trees trained as 3-tier espaliers: apples, European pears, and Asian pears. Other espaliers that you can find at Sky Nursery include winter and spring-blooming camellias, ‘Little Gem’ magnolia, pyracantha, and cotoneaster.

### FLOWERING TREES

#### CRABAPPLES

##### Centennial

**Bloom time: April. (MALUS hybrids)**

8-10' X 8-10'. Rounded form, white flowers. 1½", oval, tart orange-red fruit is excellent for jelly or fresh eating. Scab resistant.

##### Lollipop

8-10' X 8-10'. Rounded form, white single flowers. Amber fruit.

##### Louisa Weeping

12-15' X 12-15'. Weeping form; rosy pink flowers and dark leaves. Yellow fruit.

##### Marilee

12-14' X 6-8'. Neat, upright form. White flowers—no fruit.

##### Red Jade

8-10' X 12-15'. Weeping form, pink buds opening to white flowers. Very abundant, ½" glossy red fruit.

##### Sargent Tina

5-6' X 5-6'. Rounded form. Red buds open to white flowers. Abundant ¼" red fruit.

#### DOGWOODS (Eastern)

##### Cherokee Sunset

**Bloom time: May. (CORNUS FLORIDA)**

12-15' X 12-15'. Rounded form, purple-red flowers. Red fall color & fruit.

<b>Daybreak</b>	12-15'X12-15'. Rounded form, white flowers. Creamy variegated foliage. Red fall color and red fruit.
<b>Dixie Colonnade</b>	10-12'X4-6'. First ever columnar dogwood! White flowers, red fall color.
<b>Royal Red</b>	12-15'X8-10'. Rounded form, red flowers. Red fall color & fruit.
<b>DOGWOODS (Korean)</b>	<b>Bloom time: June. (CORNUS KOUSA)</b>
<b>Bonfire</b>	12-15'X9-11'. Vaselike form, white flowers. Irregular variegation on leaf tips. Red fall color & fruit.
<b>Elizabeth Lustgarden</b>	8-10'X6-8'. Weeping form, pastel pink to white flowers. Red fruit in fall.
<b>Snowboy</b>	7-8'X4-6'. Compact vaselike form. White flowers. Red fruit in fall.
<b>Trinity Star</b>	6-8'X4-6'. Upright form, white flowers. New growth is pink, green, & white.
<b>Weaver's Weeping</b>	6-7'X4-6'. Weeping form, white flowers. Red fall color and fruit.
<b>DOGWOODS (Other)</b>	<b>Bloom time: Varies. (CORNUS species &amp; hybrids)</b>
<b>Aurora Hybrid</b>	12-15'X12-15'. Rounded spreading form. Creamy flowers in May. Disease resistant. Red fall color & fruit.
<b>Constellation Hybrid</b>	12-15'X10-12'. Rounded form. Profuse white-petalled long flower in May. Disease resistant. Red fall color and red fruit.
<b>Cornelian Cherry</b>	12-15'X10-15'. Vaselike form. Bright yellow spidery flowers in February.
<b>(Cornus mas)</b>	Edible red cherry-like fruit in fall. Variegated and golden-foliage forms available.
<b>Pagoda 'Argent'</b>	12-15'X8-12'. Vaselike form—often multitrunked. Strong horizontal branching; white-edged foliage contrasts with purplish twigs. White flowers in spring.
<b>Stellar Pink</b>	12-15'X10-12'. Vaselike form, soft pink flowers in May. Red fall color & fruit.
<b>FLOWERING CHERRIES</b>	<b>Bloom Time: April. (PRUNUS)</b>
<b>Akebono Dwarf</b>	12-14'X 12-14'. Spreading form, delicate pink flowers opening early.
<b>Kwanzan Dwarf</b>	12-14'X 8-12'. Vaselike form. Double deep rose-pink flowers.
<b>Shogetsu Dwarf</b>	8-10'X 10-15'. Spreading form, pink buds opening to double pink flowers.
<b>Snow Fountain</b>	10-12'X 10-12'. Spreading cascading form, semi-double white flowers.
<b>Weeping Double Pink</b>	12-15'X12-15'. Weeping form, profuse double pink flowers.
<b>Kobai Flowering Apricot</b>	10-12'X6-8'. Upright form, fragrant rose-pink to red flowers in February-March.
<b>MAGNOLIAS</b>	<b>Bloom Time: Varies.</b>
<b>Donna</b>	6-10'X5-8'. Vaselike shape. 6-8" white flowers in late April.
<b>Dunn Garden</b>	10-15'X8-10'. Enormous purple-pink flowers in summer.
<b>Forrest's Pink</b>	10-12'X6-10'. Rounded shape. Soft raspberry-pink flowers with light fruity fragrance in late spring.
<b>Heaven Scent</b>	12-15'X8-10'. Rounded form. Richly scented pinkish lavender flowers.
<b>Henry Hicks Sweet Bay</b>	12-15'X6-10'. Upright shape. Spicy scented, semi-evergreen foliage. Fragrant blush pink flowers in summer.
<b>Jane</b>	10-15'X8-10'. Upright shape. Very nice rosy-purple flowers in late spring.
<b>Little Gem</b>	8-10'X 6-8'. Spreading small tree to shrublike form. Fragrant white star-shaped flowers in March. Handsome <b>EVERGREEN</b> foliage.
<b>Oyama</b>	10-15'X8-10'. Rounded form. Fragrant white flowers with magenta/purple stamens in May/June followed by ornamental crimson fruit.
<b>Star Magnolia</b>	8-10'X 6-8'. Spreading small tree to shrublike form. Fragrant white star-shaped flowers in March. Also available with shell pink flowers.

**Sunspire** 5-6' X 4-6'. Columnar form! Fragrant flowers, yellow blushed apricot, in May.  
**The Girls** 8-12' X 5-6'. Vase-like form. Purple flowers in April.

**OTHER FLOWERING TREES**

**Bloom Time: Varies**

**Flowering Pear** 10-12' X 8-10'. Dwarf with nice pyramidal form, silvery-gray foliage. White  
**(Pyrus) 'Silver Bell'** flowers in March. Yellow-orange fall color.

**Honeylocust** 4-10' X 4-10'. Unique contorted form; attractive feathery foliage. Fragrant purple  
**(Robinia) 'Twisty Baby'** flowers in April. Yellow fall color.

**Redbud, Avondale** 8-10' X 8-10'. Deep purple flowers in March. Vase-like form, heart-shaped  
**(C. chinensis 'Avondale')** glossy foliage. Yellow fall color.

**Redbud, Lavender Twist** 6-8' X 6-8'. Weeping form with profuse lavender-white flowers in March.  
**(C. canadensis 'Lavender Twist')** Rich green foliage. Yellow fall color.

**Redbud, Western** 10-15' X 10-15'. Purple-pink flowers in March. Vase-like form  
**(Cercis occidentalis)** with blue-green, heart-shaped foliage. Yellow fall color.

**Smoke Tree** 12-15' X 10-15'. Rounded, often multitrunked form. Purple-pink "smokelike"  
**(Cotinus coggyria)** flower puffs. Purple-leaf forms commonly grown. Yellow to orange fall color.

**Stewartia rostrata** 12-15' X 6-8'. Pyramidal form. White flowers like a single camellia in June. Red  
and gold fall color. Colorful flaking bark—excellent winter interest.

**Strawberry Tree** 4-6' X 4-6'. Upright shrubby form. Handsome year-round—evergreen leaves,  
**(Arbutus unedo 'Compacta')** red peeling bark. White flowers & red "strawberry" fruits in fall.

**Witch Hazel** 8-15' X 10-15'. Open, vase-like, often multitrunked tree. Fragrant flowers  
**(Hamamelis)** in late winter—gold, primrose, copper, or red, depending on variety. Yellow,  
gold, red or orange fall foliage.

**SHADE TREES**

**Bay Tree** 10-15' X 6-10'. Pyramidal form. Handsome **EVERGREEN** tree—leaves are the  
**(Laurus nobilis)** "bay leaf" used for seasoning.

**Birch 'Trost's Dwarf'** 4-8' X 4-8'. Birch's answer to the Japanese Maple. Tan bark matures to  
**(Betula pendula 'Trost's Dwarf')** white marked with black on trunk. Yellow fall color.

**Birch 'Young's Weeping'** 6-8'. Graceful weeping form—stake to desired height. Bark & foliage as above.  
**(Betula pendula 'Youngii')**

**Hedge Maple 'Carnival'** 8-12' X 8-12'. Rounded, very dense form. Excellent hedge or specimen.  
**(Acer campestre 'Carnival')** Good yellow fall color.

**Japanese Maple (Acer palmatum)** Numerous varieties available—see Sky's Japanese Maple list for details.

- Katsura, Weeping** 6-10' high. Weeping form. Attractive round dark blue-green foliage.  
(*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Pendula') Vibrant gold fall color.
- Larch, Weeping** 6-10' X 6-9'. Weeping form. Deciduous conifer—gold fall color followed  
(*Larix decidua* 'Pendula') by needle drop. Unusual & eye-catching tree.
- Pussy Willow, Weeping** 3-8'. Weeping form of the pink pussy willow. Foliage dark green above,  
(*Salix caprea* 'Pendula') pale underneath. Yellow fall color.
- Pussy Willow, Curly** 6-8'. Contorted form of the pink pussy willow. Good for cut branches.  
(*Salix caprea* 'Curly Locks')

## FRUIT TREES

See Sky fruit tree list for detailed variety descriptions.

- Apple- Dwarf** 8-12' X 5-10'. White flowers in April. Fruit ripens September-October, depending on  
variety. Two varieties are required for pollination. 2006 varieties on dwarf M26 rootstock: Akane, Chehalis,  
Fuji, Gala, Gravenstein, Hidden Rose, Honeycrisp, Jonagold, Liberty, Rosey Glow, Spartan, Sunrise, Yellow  
Transparent.
- Apple- Columnar** 7-10' X 3-4'. White or pink flowers in April. Fruit ripens September-October.  
Two varieties are required for pollination. Varieties: Golden Sentinel, Northpole, Scarlet Sentinel.
- Apricot- Dwarf** 6-10'. White flowers in March. Fruit ripens August. Citation dwarf rootstock. Variety:  
Puget Gold.
- Cherry- Dwarf** 8-12' X 7-10'. White flowers in April. Fruit ripens July. Some varieties are self-fertile.  
2006 varieties on dwarf Gisela 5 rootstock: Combination (4-way), Bing, Glacier, Kirsten, Lambert, Lapins,  
Montmorency, Rainier, Royal Ann, Sam, Stella, Sweetheart, Van.
- Cherry- Hungarian Dessert** 8-15' X 7-10'. White flowers in April. Fruit ripens June-July. 2006 varieties:  
Danube Dwarf (to 10'), Jubileum (to 15').
- Fig** 8-12' X 8-12'. Tropical-looking small tree with spreading habit, large dark leaves. Fruit ripens late  
summer to fall. Smaller varieties: Lattarula, Negronne, Stella.
- Filbert** 10-12' x 10-12'. Catkin flowers in February. Natural large shrub to small tree. Two varieties  
required for pollination. Varieties: Barcelona, Du Chilly.
- Pawpaw** 8-12' X 5-10'. Inconspicuous brown flowers. Unusual tropical-looking foliage; unlike most fruit  
trees, pawpaws grow well in partial shade. Very sweet, large fruit ripens in autumn. Natural dwarf. Two  
varieties are required for pollination. Varieties in 2006: Davis, Sunflower.
- Peach/Nectarine- Genetic Dwarf** 4-6' X 4-6-10'. Pink flowers, shrublike form. Varieties: Golden  
Prolific & Red Sunset (nectarine) and Golden Glory (peach).

**Peach- Dwarf** 8-12'X5-10'. Pink flowers in March. Leaf-curl resistant variety; fruit ripens in August. Citation dwarf rootstock. Variety: Frost

**Pear- Dwarf** 8-12'X5-10'. White flowers in March. Fruit ripens in fall. Two varieties are required for pollination. Province Quince rootstock. Varieties: Anjou, Bartlett, Orcas.

**Persimmon** 12-15'X8-12'. Small flowers in April. Large glossy foliage turns bright red in autumn. Natural dwarf. Varieties in 2006: Chocolate, Fuyu (Asian), Nikita's Gift, Russian Beauty (Black Sea hybrids).

**Plum- Dwarf** 8-12'X5-10'. Pink or white flowers in March. Some varieties require two for pollination. Fruit ripens July-August. Citation dwarf rootstock. Varieties: Beauty, Brooks, Green Gage, Hollywood, Imperial Epineuse, Italian Prune, Satsuma, Shiro, Yellow Egg.

**Pomegranate** 3-6'X3-4'. Exotic orange flowers in early summer; dark orange, tasty fruit. Shrublike variety excellent for container growing—we recommend bringing indoors in winter. Variety: Favorite.

**Quince** 8-12'X5-10'. White flowers in April. Spreading shrublike tree-trunk, often contorted. Ornamental yellow fruit hangs on tree after leaf fall. Varieties: Crimea, Orange, Pineapple, Smyrna.