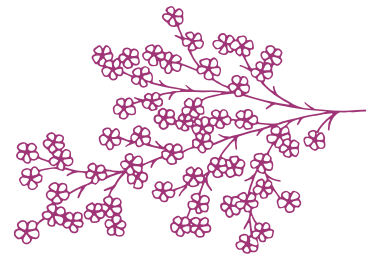


Native Flowering Trees

Below find the top 10 most compatible and popular flowering native trees for the City of Wilmington, developed by the Wilmington Tree Commission. Information arranged from the Arbor Day Foundation, NC State Cooperative Extension, and Commissioner expertise.



Downy Serviceberry

Scientific name: Amelanchier arborea

Average Height: 15–30 ft

Flower Color: White

Notes: Red fall colors; produces early, edible, blue fruit



Red Horse Chestnut

Scientific name: Aesculus carnea

Average Height: 30–40 ft

Flower Color: Rose-red

Notes: Vertical flowers



Redbud

Scientific name: Cercis canadensis

Average Height: 25–40 ft

Flower Color: Magenta

Notes: Flowers before leafing out; yellow heart-shaped leaves in fall



White Fringe

Scientific name: Chionanthus virginicus

Average Height: 15–30 ft

Flower Color: White, clustered

Notes: Feathery, fragrant, branched flowers



Rutgers Dogwood

Scientific name: Cornus florida hybrid

Average Height: 30–50 ft

Flower Color: White or pink

Notes: Hybrid more resistant to disease; scarlet red fall color



Washington Hawthorn

Scientific name: Crataegus phaenopyrum

Average Height: 20–30 ft

Flower Color: White flowers

Notes: Produces red fruit; “White King” Cultivar



Loblolly-bay

Scientific name: Gordonia lasianthus

Average Height: 30–40 ft

Flower Color: White with yellow stamens

Notes: Prefers moist soil in wooded area



Common Silverbell

Scientific name: Halesia tetraptera

Average Height: 20–50 ft

Flower Color: White

Notes: Nut-like fruit



Eastern Witch-Hazel

Scientific name: Hamamelis virginiana

Average Height: 15–30 ft

Flower Color: Yellow, spindly

Notes: Spicy fragrant flowers that furl/unfurl; exploding seed pods



American Snowbell

Scientific name: Styrax americanus

Average Height: 5–15 ft

Flower Color: White

Notes: Hanging bell flowers; large fruit



We encourage you to call local nurseries to determine if they have native plants in stock as not all businesses are able to stock these plants and some may only be available in certain seasons.

