



Species Information for

Chefs For Farmers Event (9/30/23)- (10/1/23)



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Trees For Houston's goal is to plant, promote, and protect Houston! Some ways we do so is through tree giveaways, plantings, and events! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, please direct them to Bailey@treesforhouston.org

CAROLINA BUCKTHORN

Frangula caroliniana

Height: ~12-20 ft but usually closer to 12 ft

Shade: Full sun to partial shade

Comments: Deciduous shrub like tree that can be planted alone or as a understory tree. These trees have berries that attracts birds but should not be consumed by people.

Fun Fact: Although named buckthorn, this tree has no thorns!

More Species Information:

[Texas Forest Service](#)

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower](#)



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COMMON PERSIMMON

Diospyros virginiana

Height: ~15- 75 ft depending on how its grown, usually its very short

Conditions: Partial sun

Comments: This is a shrubby adaptable tree, able to survive in various pH and soil moisture regimes and is usually free of diseases and insect problems. Its dioecious meaning two trees are needed for fruit production. The fruit is very sweet and orange.

Fun Facts: This fruit was commonly made into persimmon bread and consumed as dried fruit by indigenous people.

Additionally, Diospyros (its genus) translates to “fruit of the god Zeus” in Greek.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

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ELDERBERRY

Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis

Height: ~12 ft

Growth: Fast grower

Conditions: Full sun if watered well

Comments: Shrub like tree that prefers moist but well drained soils.

Lifespan: 80-100 years

Fun Fact: The purple-black fruit is often used to make pies, jullies, wine, etc. Indigenous people used these fruit for medicinal purposes.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[Texas Native Plant Database](#)



RED BUCKEYE

Aesculus pavia

Height: 12- 15 ft

Shade: Full sun to partial shade

Comments: Moderately drought tolerant, this shrubby tree attracts butterflies and hummingbirds with its tubular red flowers.

Warning: Fruit are not edible for humans

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)



SAUCER MAGNOLIA

Magnolia soulageana

Height: ~15-30 ft

Conditions: Full sun to partial shade

Comments: Slow growing, multi stemmed tree that has beautiful large pink-purple flowers and is mildly resistant to pollution.



More Species Information:

[Arbor Day Foundation](#)



TEXAS REDBUD

Cercis canadensis var. texensis

Height: ~10-20 ft

Conditions: Full sun to partial shade
Preferred

Comments: A large tree or small shrub.
Once established this variation is more
drought tolerant than the Eastern Redbud.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[USDA](#)

