

# ***commonly planted trees***

## **Maple**

There are many different types of Maple trees planted in Mississauga such as Sugar Maples, Red Maples, and Norway Maples. The Sugar Maple is Canada's national tree and a stylized version of the leaf is what you see on the Canadian Flag. Most Maples have a green leaf in the spring and summer, and the fall leaf colour can range from golden yellow, to orange, or red, depending on the species. Maples tend to grow at a moderate rate and can get to be quite large depending on the species and site conditions they are growing in.

## **Linden**

Most species of Linden are quick growers and depending on the species they can be large like the Basswood or small like the Little-leaf Linden. The leaves are green during the spring and summer and turn a golden yellow in the fall. Linden trees have a pyramid shape while young and rounded when mature.

## **Oak**

White Oak, Red Oak and English Oak are all planted along our city streets. In the spring and summer, the leaves are a glossy green colour turning red or golden brown in the fall. Oak trees are very distinct because of their acorns. Initially, growth is slow for this tree but it is a very hardy tree that can withstand diseases, insects and heavy street traffic, and will grow to a large sized tree.

## **Honey Locust**

This tree is another large, hardy tree that grows well in the city. A Honey Locust has many leaves that are yellow in the fall and have very distinct large, curved, twisted fruit pods. You will most likely find this tree in parking lots and plazas but it is still a great tree for front lawns because it grows well in direct sunlight and casts a light shade.

## **Japanese Lilac**

The Japanese Lilac, or Ivory Silk Lilac, is small in size and is considered to have a moderate growth rate. It is a tree with a compact, round crown, green leaves and is a very attractive bloomer. This tree blooms in the early summer months and is eye-catching with its small, white showy flowers. Its ability to tolerate urban conditions makes it ideal for planting and due to its size is a good candidate in locations with over head restrictions such as power lines.

## **Elm**

Several types of Elms are planted in the city that have been cultivated to produce not only a hardy urban tree but also one resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. Elms are fast growing, and often distinguished by its various crown shapes that range from vase-like to a more rounded appearance when mature.

## **Ornamental Pear**

A hardy, moderate to fast growing tree providing many benefits. Its oval, medium sized crown allows for plenty of shade during the summer months. It has white flowers that are very ornate in the spring and the small round fruit attracts birds. Its leaves are dark glossy green and turn red in the fall.

## **Hackberry**

This small yet fast growing native tree has a broad, round, irregular shaped crown that allows just enough sunlight to penetrate the ground below, allowing grass and flowers to grow with ease underneath. Its leaves are light green and turn yellow in the fall. It has showy bark as a mature tree and is an important food source for a number of birds, mammals and pollinators.

## **Colorado Blue Spruce**

The Blue Spruce is a large, hardy, drought tolerant tree that grows well in an urban environment. It has a dense crown than can grow from the ground up or be pruned several meters up from the base for visibility purposes. It has a tight cone shape and short blue needles throughout the entire tree making it very showy, especially in the winter.

## **White Pine**

The Eastern White Pine is a tree that is easily recognizable and is the Provincial tree of Ontario. This fast growing, medium sized pine is the only one of its species with soft feathery needles in clusters of five. When grown in ideal conditions, the Eastern White Pine can grow over 100 feet tall and has wind swept branches for that iconic Northern Ontario landscape.

## **Austrian Pine**

This is a broad growing pine tree with a dense crown and needles in clusters of two. Its ability to grow in the harsh urban environment makes it an ideal tree to provide a barrier between major and residential roads. With its dark foliage and new growth resembling candle sticks, it can be an attractive variety of Pine.