

Lindsford Phase II – Deciduous Tree List

In Fort Myers, Florida, you have several attractive options for deciduous trees that can thrive in the Southwest Florida climate. Here is a list of suggested deciduous trees, including some known for their beauty, shade provision, and adaptability to the local conditions. The following list has been reviewed by the current landscaping company for Lindsford Phase II HOA.

An Architectural Review (ARC) is required by the Association for the removal AND/OR replacement of a tree. Please remember when you remove a tree you must plant a tree of like kind, according to the Governing Documents.

Flowering Deciduous Trees

- **Crape Myrtle:** Known for stunning purple or white flowers, these are versatile and adapt well to different soil types. They can grow up to 30 feet tall.
- **Flowering Dogwood:** Native to Florida, these boast lovely white blooms in late spring and offer year-round interest.
- **Jacaranda:** A Florida-friendly tree that can grow up to 100 feet tall with soft, fern-like foliage and fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers in light-lavender blue that bloom from April to August. They thrive in full sun and tolerate various types of soil, including sandy soil.
- **Redbud:** Features beautiful magenta flowers in spring, followed by heart-shaped leaves.
- **Saucer Magnolia:** Provides beautiful early spring blooms in shades of pink and purple.
- **Yellow Trumpet Tree (Tabebuia):** Offers vibrant yellow, trumpet-shaped flowers.

Shade Deciduous Trees

- **American Sycamore:** A fast-growing tree that provides ample shade with its broad canopy. It can reach heights of up to 6 feet per year and is known for its sturdy structure.
- **Bald Cypress:** A unique and adaptable native Florida tree that thrives in wet and dry conditions. It can grow over 100 feet tall and live for centuries, offering excellent shade and autumn color with its russet leaves.
- **Gumbo Limbo:** Known for its peculiar peeling bark and twisted branches, creating unique shapes. It is an excellent choice for a shade tree in South Florida.
- **Red Maple:** A popular choice for landscaping due to its brilliant red autumn foliage. It can reach heights up to 60 feet and attracts native birds with its berries.
- **American Elm (Florida Elm):** A long-lived shade tree with dazzling rich, golden yellow autumnal foliage. It has an elegant vase-shaped crown and grows to 60 to 80 feet tall.

Other Notable Deciduous Trees

- **Red Buckeye:** A smaller deciduous tree with interesting flowers.
- **Sweet Acacia:** Features fragrant flowers and interesting seed pods.

Considerations for planting

- **Sandy Soil:** Many of these trees are adaptable to sandy soils, especially once established.
- **Placement for Energy Efficiency:** Position deciduous trees on the south, east, and west sides of your home to provide shade in the summer and allow for warming sunlight in the winter.