

Trees and Shrubs List



**9.3 West-Central  
 Semi-Arid Prairies**



**American Aspen /  
 Quaking Aspen**

*(Populus tremuloides)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun  
**WATER:** Average  
**HEIGHT:** 20 - 50 ft  
**SPREAD:** 10 - 30 ft

This species has dark green leaves that turn golden yellow in the fall and flutter and tremble in the wind. Before the leaves, small male and female flowers appear on separate catkins and trees, with female flowers giving way to small fruit.

\* Not native in NE



**American Plum**

*(Prunus americana)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun, Partial Sun  
**WATER:** Low, Average  
**HEIGHT:** 15 - 25 ft  
**SPREAD:** 15 - 25 ft

This tree is a great choice for shrub borders, hedges, screens, or erosion control. It has toothed leaves, five petaled white flowers in spring, and produces edible red plums.

\* Not native to western portions of MT



**Chokecherry**

*(Prunus virginiana)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun, Partial Sun  
**WATER:** Low, Average  
**HEIGHT:** 20 - 30 ft  
**SPREAD:** 15 - 20 ft

This plant is tolerant to drought, and dry, rocky, or clay soil. It is a great choice for beds, borders, hedges, screens, and open woodland gardens. It produces white flowers and edible berries.



**Coyote Willow**

*(Salix exigua)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun  
**WATER:** Average, High  
**HEIGHT:** 15 - 20 ft  
**SPREAD:** 15 - 20 ft

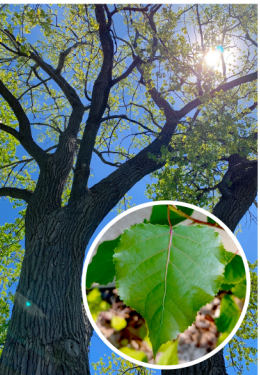
This plant thrives in diverse habitats, offering drought resistance, flood tolerance, and erosion prevention. With gray-green leaves and pale lemon catkins in spring, it adds visual interest and supports various wildlife species.

\* Not native to eastern portions of ecoregion



**Eastern Cottonwood**

*(Populus deltoides)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun  
**WATER:** Average  
**HEIGHT:** 50 - 80 ft  
**SPREAD:** 35 - 60 ft

This tree has green leaves up to 5 inches long that turn yellow in the fall. Before the leaves emerge, small male and female flowers appear on separate trees in mid-spring.



**Ponderosa Pine**

*(Pinus ponderosa)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun  
**WATER:** Average  
**HEIGHT:** 60 - 100 ft  
**SPREAD:** 25 - 30 ft

This majestic and resilient tree is known for its tall, straight trunks and distinctive orange-brown bark that peels off in puzzle-like plates. It has long, needle-like leaves grouped in bundles of three and produces large, egg-shaped cones. It can live over 500 years.

\* Not native to northeastern parts of ecoregion

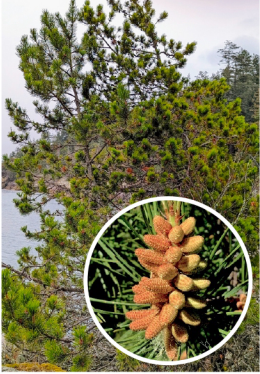


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### Shore Pine

*(Pinus contorta)*



**LIGHT:** Full Sun

**WATER:** Low

**HEIGHT:** 20 - 35 ft

**SPREAD:** 20 - 35 ft

This hardy and versatile tree is known for its twisted branches and slender, cylindrical cones. It is well-suited for various environments and can withstand harsh conditions, making it resilient and adaptable.

*\* Not native to eastern half of ecoregion*