

Trees of Our Town

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Unique trees found in your neighborhood

Ashley ND

Apricot – *Prunus sp.*

Small fast-growing tree with spreading crown. Light pink flowers come out early and are susceptible to spring frosts. Not self-pollinating, so use two different varieties. Hardy cultivars include: 'Sungold', 'Moongold', 'Scout' and 'Westcot'.



Mature height: 15'-25'
Fall color: Yellow/orange

Black locust – *Robinia pseudoacacia*

A single- or double-stemmed tree with fast growth. Beautiful white flower clusters. However, has sharp thorns on young growth. Can often survive and thrive on tough sites. May send up root suckers on certain sites.

Mature height: 60'-80'
Fall color: Yellow



Laurel willow – *Salix pentandra*

A medium-sized tree that is often seen in a shrubby form. One of the first to leaf out in spring and last to drop its leaves in autumn. Attractive, highly glossy leaves and round crown.

Mature height: 25'-40'
Fall color: Yellow



White ash – *Fraxinus americana*

A large, open-crowned, non-native tree that is generally marginally hardy; however, cultivars such as Northern Blaze® and 'Autumn Blaze' white ash generally do well. Very site-demanding; needs protection. Foliage turns purple/burgundy in fall.

Mature height: 60'-80'
Fall color: Purple



Contact your County Agent to find locations of these trees.

White mulberry – *Morus alba*

A very unique tree in North Dakota. Fast growing and will likely require structural pruning. Individual leaves may be unlobed, single lobed, double-lobed or even more. Though generally not hardy, 'Trader' white mulberry is from ND and is very hardy.



Mature height: 35'-40'
Fall color: Yellow



Norway spruce – *Picea abies*

Similar to other spruce trees but with short, dark green needles that are not very sharp. Secondary branches often become droopy in appearance. Long cones provide the model for 'cuckoo clock' weights. Not commonly planted in ND due to marginal hardness, though some individuals have done extremely well for decades, in protected environments.

Mature height: 60'-80'
Fall color: Green

