

Free Trees for Babies – Trees available from last year:

The choice of available trees can change from year to year. Last year, claimants could choose from the following trees:

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| 1. Amelanchier | 6. Silver birch |
| 2. Dessert apple | 7. Snakebark maple |
| 3. Medlar | 8. Walnut |
| 4. Mulberry | 9. Whitebeam |
| 5. Pear | 10. Winter flowering cherry |

Amelanchier

(*Amelanchier laevis*)



A pretty, small tree with a broadly spreading crown ideal for smaller gardens. A tree for all seasons, the leaves open a coppery pink in early spring, soon followed by sprays of pretty star-like white flowers. Round, juicy, purple-black fruit ripens by July when the birds make short work of them before the leaves go a bright red in the autumn. Amelanchier will grow in sun or shade and most soils.

Approx. mature height

6m – 8m

Approx. mature spread

4m – 6m

Dessert apple (*Malus domestica* 'variety')



Dessert or Eating apples, grown on a semi-dwarfing rootstock these are great compact trees which offer the added benefit of getting fruit come the autumn. We ask for a mix of the most popular varieties from our suppliers so it'll be pot luck exactly which variety you'll receive but all of them will be of good eating quality.

If you have a tight location, apples take well to being pruned on a regular basis and while they prefer and will do best when planted in the ground they are reasonably tolerant to being grown in a large pot if watered regularly.

Approx. mature height

4m – 6m

Approx. mature spread

4m – 6m

Medlar (*Mespilus germanica*)



A very attractive and somewhat unusual tree suited to small gardens. It's a great all-rounder and a brilliant wildlife friendly tree. It's closely related to the apple and the fruit is edible but an acquired taste. It prefers sun or semi-shade and well-drained, fertile soil.

Approx. mature height

6m

Approx. mature spread

4m – 6m

Mulberry (*Morus nigra*)



Mulberry trees are small to medium sized with a gently rounded crown. It enjoys a warm, sunny sheltered site on any fertile soil. The leaves are big, heart shaped, rough on the topside and hairy on the underside, and turn an attractive yellow in the autumn. The flowers are barely recognisable as such, but the fruit when fully ripe is sweet and delicious, raspberry-type berries that turn from green through red/orange to deep red/black – be careful not to wear white clothes when eating them as they can drip and stain!

Approx. mature height

8m – 10m

Approx. mature spread

6m – 8m

Pear (*Pyrus communis* 'variety')



An edible pear is an attractive shaped medium-sized tree with a narrow crown. Its blossom appears very early in the spring which then leads to a crop of edible fruit in the autumn. As with the apples, we ask for a mix of the most popular varieties from our suppliers so it'll be pot luck exactly which variety you'll receive but all of them will be of good eating quality.

Approx. mature height

8m – 10m

Approx. mature spread

4m – 6m

Silver birch (*Betula pendula*)



A medium to large, graceful and iconic tree. It will eventually grow to about 20 metres with an attractive upright form. The leaves go a lovely butter yellow in the autumn and there are catkins in the spring, but the bark is its best feature. It will tolerate sun and shade and most soils.

Approx. mature height

15m – 20m

Approx. mature spread

8m – 10m

Snakebark maple (*Acer davidii*)



This is a small – medium tree eventually attaining 12 meters, with a broadly conical outline. The bark resembles a snake's skin, being bright green with vertical white, brown and grey stripes. The glossy green maple-shaped leaves colour red in the autumn. In late spring small green flowers dangle in bunches between the leaves. The fruit develops as winged seeds like helicopters, but do not self-seed readily. The tree prefers neutral to acid soils and well-drained ground so may not be best suited to the soils found around Cherry Hinton and parts of southern Cambridge.

Approx. mature height

10m – 12m

Approx. mature spread

6m – 8m

Walnut (*Juglans regia*)



A large tree, reaching 15 metres in height and as broad as it is tall. It is known for its attractive, spreading outline, glossy, aromatic leaves, deeply furrowed bark and edible nuts. It should be grown in full sun and deep, fertile, well-drained soil. A grand an iconic tree providing you have the space for it.

Approx. mature height

12m – 15m

Approx. mature spread

12m – 15m

Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*)



A medium sized attractive tree. It has a domed shaped crown with large heads of white flowers which are great for pollinators, these lead to small red fruits which are similar to hawthorn berries or crab apples which are often eaten by the blackbirds. A great garden tree and is often found in the streets of Cambridge as it thrives on the rich clay soils found here.

Approx. mature height

10m – 15m

Approx. mature spread

8m – 12m

**Winter flowering
cherry** (*Prunus
subhirtella* 'Autumnalis')



One of the most popular trees on the scheme, its ideal for a small – medium sized garden. It has a low and broad spreading habit with pale pink flowers which appear sporadically throughout the period between November and March. It is also noted for its attractive autumn colour and deserves pride of place in the garden with good winter sun to show it off. They do not like to be waterlogged and prefer to be sheltered from drying winds.

Approx. mature height

4m – 8m

Approx. mature spread

4m – 8m