

2025 Arbor Day Seedlings Giveaway Information

Gila Monster Gambel Oak- *Quercus gambelii* 'Gila monster'

Height: 30'-40' Spread: 20'-25'.

The story/seed source for the Gila Monster gambel oak comes from a mountain range west of Datil New Mexico near the Arizona border. The genetics of these gambel oaks lead to medium-sized single stem trees. The parent tree is found at a 7K foot elevation in an area that receives around 12" of annual precipitation and has endured several negative 30-degree days. The picture below is of the parent tree provided by Scott Scogerboe (Fort Collins Wholesale Propagator) and is the source of the seedlings. Zones 3-9.



Texas Red Oak- *Quercus buckleyi*

Height: 50'-60' Spread: 40'-50'.

Texas Red is an excellent shade tree that has striking red fall color. An alkaline-tolerant member of the red oak group that is closely related to the Shumard Oak but will not grow as large. The acorns for these seedlings were collected from native tree stands near Socorro New Mexico growing in alkaline regions of hot and dry NM. Full sun. Zones 5-9.



Bur Oak- *Quercus macrocarpa*

Height: 50'-60' Spread: 35'-45'.

Pyramidal to oval in its youth, gradually maturing into a broad crowned tree with a massive trunk and very stout branches. Bark is rough and deeply furrowed, dark gray to gray-brown in color. Acorns 3/4" to 1 1/2" are enclosed by a heavily fringed cap. The leaves are dark green on top, gray green beneath generally turning yellow to brown in the fall, but occasionally red. Withstands drought, wind, extreme cold and heavy soils. An excellent tree for Colorado. Full sun.

Zone 3



Grand Junction Mimosa – *Albizia julibrissin*

Height: 20' – 35' Spread: 20' – 30'

The striking and fluffy, pink, powder puff flower heads of the Mimosa last from June into August, combined with a bipinnate compound dark green leaf that provides a fern like appearance. The sensitive leaflets close when touched at night. This fast growing, small to medium tree is easily grown in average well-drained soils and flowers best if in full sun. Tolerates drought, but best growth occurs with regular watering. Generally considered to be an attractive tree that provides a tropical effect and may be used as a lawn accent in areas where soils are poor or alkaline. Seeds for these trees collected from the state champion mimosa in Grand Junction.



Chinese Pistache- *Pistacia chinensis*

Height: 30'-35' Spread: 20'-25'.

Pestfree and exceptionally drought tolerant small tree, with excellent red, purple, and orange fall color. A logical tree for infertile soils or unirrigated urban sites along streets, in parking medians, or under power lines where it's tough character will ensure its success.



Manzano Maple - *Acer grandidentatum 'manzano'*

Height: 20'-30' Spread: 20'-30'

"Acer grandidentatum 'Manzano'" refers to the 'Manzano' cultivar of the Bigtooth Maple tree, a small to medium-sized deciduous tree native to the southwest and New Mexico. The tree is known for its attractive, deeply lobed leaves that turn vibrant shades of red, orange, and yellow in the fall, and its ability to tolerate drought conditions; "Manzano" specifically indicates a variety with a rounded, spreading canopy and good adaptability to various soil types, often used as a landscape tree due to its attractive fall foliage.



Mexican Blue Oak - *Quercus oblongifolia*

Height: 16'-26' Spread: 16'-26'

A medium-sized tree native to the mountainous regions of northern Mexico and parts of the southwestern United States, particularly Arizona. It is a species of oak characterized by its distinct blue-gray to bluish-green leaves, which are lance-shaped with smooth edges or shallow lobes. The leaves can appear silvery or bluish, giving the tree its name. The Mexican Blue Oak thrives in well-drained, rocky soils, and it prefers a semi-arid climate. It is drought-tolerant once established, making it well-suited for dry environments.



Ginkgo - *Ginkgo biloba*

Height: 50'-80' Spread: 30'-40'

A large, deciduous tree with fan-shaped leaves that turn golden in the fall. It's one of the oldest living tree species, dating back over 150 million years. Prefers full sun and is adaptable to many soils, including alkaline, acidic, and compacted soils. Ginkgos are also tolerant of air pollution, heat, and saline conditions.



Shumard Oak- *Quercus shumardii*

Height: 40'-60' Spread: 40'-60'

A large, deciduous tree with a pyramidal shape and a wide crown. It's native to the southeastern and central United States. Makes a dramatic fall statement, with leaves turning brilliant red to red-orange. Grows in alkaline, acidic, loamy and well-drained soils. Zones 5-9



Shantung Maple - *Acer truncatum*

Height: 25'-30' Spread: 20'-30'

A small, deciduous tree with glossy leaves that turn brilliant colors in the fall. It's native to China and is often used as a street tree or in small landscapes. Tolerates alkaline soils, drought, and windy conditions. Prefers full sun.



Shagbark Hickory- *Carya ovata*

Height: 60'-80' Spread: 25'-35'

A large, deciduous tree with shaggy bark and edible nuts. It's a member of the walnut family. Prefers moist, well-drained soil, but will tolerate alkaline soil, dry sites, occasional drought, and occasional flooding. Zones 4-9.

