



Seven
Small Trees for
Windy Gardens

Autumn and winter are good times to plant trees and shrubs; the moist soil and cooler weather are ideal for letting the roots get established before the tree has to support actively growing leaves and flowers. When choosing trees for small garden you need to check the eventual height and spread or you could crowd out other plants (or block your view!) Below are my top seven small trees that will provide you with more than one season of interest and can cope with windy, exposed areas.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Comments	Photograph
Golden Irish Yew	<i>Taxus Baccata Aureomarginata</i>	This evergreen will grow up to 20m but can be clipped to desired height and shape; ideal for topiary and hedging too.	
Holly Golden King	<i>Ilex x altaclerensis 'Golden King'</i>	This evergreen has variegated yellow and green spikey leaves, it's slow growing and can be clipped to the desired height and shape; ideal for topiary and hedging.	
Mountain Ash Pink Pagoda	<i>Sorbus Hupehensis 'Pink Pagoda'</i>	This pretty tree has spring flowers followed by attractive pink berries in autumn with good autumn colour. It will grow up to 6m high after 20 years.	

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Purple Haze Plum tree	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Purple Haze'	This delicate tree will grow 4.5m high with fragrant, pink spring flowers and dark purple leaves through spring and summer.	
Wayfaring tree	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	This native tree will grow 5m high and has bright red berries in autumn.	
Red Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus laevigata</i> 'Paul's Scarlet'	This tree will grow 8m high and has deep pink spring flowers followed by red berries in the autumn.	
Royal purple Smoke Bush	<i>Cotinus coggygia</i> 'Royal Purple'	Will grow 3m high with purple/bronze foliage and a haze of flower spikes in summer.	

Tree Planting:

Dig a large hole when planting your tree; at least twice as wide as the root ball/pot and one and a half times as deep. Sprinkle bonemeal inside the hole and then mix in plenty of compost or manure with the soil you have dug out before backfilling. Heel in the tree roots firmly and add a stake on the windward side of the tree. Finally water in well after planting, continue to water if the weather is dry.