



Tree Picks for Southern Nevada

Mastic Tree (Pistacia lentiscus)	 Medium tree or shrub (Avg. 15'h x 20'w) Avg. 236 sq feet of shade coverage Evergreen, moderately slow growth rate Small green flowers in spring Low water usage once established Fall Color: N/A Full summer sun; cold tolerant to 25° F USDA zones 9-11 	
Chaste Tree (Vitex agnus-castus)	 Small tree or shrub (Avg. 20'h x 25'w) single/multi trunk Avg. 368 sq feet of shade coverage Deciduous, moderate growth rate 7"- 8" purple flower spikes in spring and fall; also white and pink varieties available, but less common Moderate water usage Fall Color: N/A Full summer sun to part shade; cold tolerant to -10° F USDA zones 6-9 	
Desert Willow (Chilopsis linearis)	 Small tree (Avg. 25'h x 20w') Avg. 236 sq feet of shade coverage Deciduous, moderate growth rate White, pink or red flowers in spring and fall Moderate water use Fall Color: N/A Tolerates full sun and heat; cold tolerant to 10° F USDA zones 7-9 	
Texas Mountain Laurel (Dermatophyllum secundiflorum)	 Medium tree (Avg. 15'h x 12'w) Avg. 85 sq feet of shade coverage Evergreen, slow growth rate Fragrant purple flowers in spring Low water usage Fall Color: N/A Tolerates full or part sun; cold tolerant to 5° F USDA zones 7b-11 	
Chilean Mesquite <i>(Prosopis -</i> 'thornless' hybrid mesquite)	 Large tree (Avg. 30'h x 30'w) Avg. 530 sq feet of shade coverage Semi-evergreen , fast growing Yellow flowers spring and fall Low to moderate water usage Fall Color: N/A Tolerates full sun; cold tolerant to 10° F USDA zones 9-11 	

Texas Ebony (Ebenopsis ebano)	 Medium tree (Avg. 25h x 20w) Avg. 236 sq feet of shade coverage Semi-evergreen, slow to moderate grower Yellow fragrant flowers in summer Very low water use Fall color: N/A Tolerates full or part sun; cold tolerant to 25° F USDA zones 9-10 	
Mexican Sycamore (Platanus mexicana)	 Extra Large tree (Avg. 50' h x 35' w) Avg. 722 sq feet of shade coverage Deciduous, fast growing Inconspicuous flowers Moderate water usage Fall color: Yellow/Orange leaves Tolerates full sun or part shade; cold tolerant to 0° F USDA zone 7 	
Holly Oak (Quercus ilex)	 Large tree (Avg. 30 'h x 20') Avg. 236 sq feet of shade coverage Evergreen, moderate growth rate Small flowers in spring Moderate water usage Fall Color: N/A Tolerates full sun or part shade; cold tolerant to 10° F USDA zone 7-10 	
Desert Museum Palo Verde <i>(Parkinsonia X</i> 'Desert Museum')	 Medium tree (Avg. 25'h x 25'w) Avg. 268 sq feet of shade coverage Semi-Evergreen, moderate growing Yellow flowers in spring and summer Low water usage Fall Color: N/A Cold tolerant to 15° F USDA zones 9-10 	

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Silver Dollar Eucalyptus (Eucalyptus polyanthemos)	 Large tree (Avg. 40' h x 30' w) Avg. 530 sq feet of shade coverage Evergreen, fast growth rate No flowers Low to moderate water usage Fall Color: N/A Full sun to part shade; cold tolerant to 25° F USDA zones 8-10 	
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