

Popular Trees for Northern Minnesota

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height (ft.)	Comments
Balsam Fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	50-75	Christmas tree; fragrant
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	40-60	Drought tolerant
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	75-100	Rapid growth leads to windfall; excess seeds
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	50-70	Maple syrup; brilliant fall foliage
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	40-60	Bronze birch borer resistant; drops twigs
Paper Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	40-60	White bark that curls; Risk of bronze birch borer
Bitternut Hickory	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	50-100	Slow-growing
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	50-75	Produces juglone; edible nut crop
Tamarack	<i>Larix laricina</i>	40-70	Turns yellow and sheds needles in fall
Red Splendor Crabapple	<i>Malus red splendor</i>	10-20	Spring flowering; hardy and grows anywhere
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	20-40	Hops-like fruit
Black Spruce	<i>Picea mariana</i>	25-50	Often with tamarack in marshes
Red (Norway) Pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	40-80	MN state tree; reddish bark
White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	70-100	Largest MN conifer
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	40-70	Very hardy; comes back from own roots
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	70-100	Acorns every year
Bur oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	50-80	
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	50-70	Holds leaves thru winter
Weeping Willow	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	40-80	Needs moisture
American Linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	50-70	Suckers
American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	70-100	Vase-shaped boulevard tree; look for Dutch elm disease resistance

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