Native Planting Information for SHMHA – updated June 2023

DO NOT PLANT LIST

Please Note: This is not a complete list so please research before planting. See companion list of SHMHA Recommended Planting Information for suggested plants and online resources.

Additional reference: Urban Tree Management Plan for SHMHA (performed 2007)

Shrubs

Common Name	Latin Name	Reason not to plant
Azaleas	Some Azalea sp.	Not native; deer food
Bamboo any type	Nandina sp.	Extremely invasive
Barberry	Berberis thunbergia	Invasive; since it tolerates shade, can invade woodlands
Blue Holly	llex	Pruning nightmare; messy
Butterfly Bush	Buddliea davidii	Invasive
Burning Bush	Euonymous alatus	Invasive; banned in some states
Forsythia	Forsythia x intermedia	Invasive; minimal landscape value
Honeysuckle	Lonicera morrowii	Invasive
Privet	Ligustrum amurense	Overused; needs pruning
Rhododendron except Rosebay rhododendron		Beautiful but deer food; Rosebay more deer resistant
Rose of Sharon	Hybiscus syriacus	Reseeds readily
Yew	Taxus sp.	Deer food; overplanted

Groundcover

Bishop's Weed	Aegopodium podagraria	invasive
Creeping Jenny	Lysimachia nummularia	okay in containers but invasive in ground
Creeping myrtle/periwinkle	Vinca minor	invasive
English ivy	Hedera helix	can kill trees climbing to dominate the
		canopy.
Monkey grass or Lilyturf	Liriope sp	invasive

Trees

The campus of SHMA has many of these beautiful old trees which will hopefully live for more years. (Oaks, Beeches, Pines, etc). These trees do not need to be removed (except if diseased or for safety reasons), but they should not be replaced due to reasons expressed.

Common Name	Latin Name	Reason not to plant
Beech	Fagus grandifolia	Too large
Birch		susceptible to borers and tree diseases;
		short lived
Buckthorn	Rhamnus	invasive
Callery Pear	Pyrus sp.	weak wood prone to damage
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Picea glauca	Overused; unattractive when full grown;
		disease prone
Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga canandensis	Dying due to woolly aldegid and drought
Ginko	Ginko bilboa	Too tall; fruits have offensive odor
Golden Raintree	Koelreutariaa paaniculata	Too large, messy seed pods
Locust	Robins sp	Leaves and seeds a mess
Maple	Acer sp.	Most reseed
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	Worst for seeds
Oaks	Quercus sp.	Too large

Pines	Pinus sp.	Too large; weak branches; messy
Silk tree	Albizia julibrissin	Invasive spreader
Spruce including CO Blue Spruce	Picea sp.	Too large
Sweet Gums	Liquidambar syraciflua	Too large very messy fruits
Sycamore	Platanus sp.	Too large; messy leaves and fruit
Tree of Heaven/Sumac	Alianthus altissima	Weed tree; weak wood; invasive