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## Trees & Shrubs for South Central Alaska

The following trees and shrubs are growing successfully in south central Alaska. Each has specific requirements and should be planted where conditions and space allow it to be healthy and safe. For a complete list of plants, descriptions, limitations, requirements, and hardiness, see [www.alaskaplants.org](http://www.alaskaplants.org). For information on selecting and planting trees, see <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/publications.htm>.

### Deciduous Trees

*Acer glabrum* var. *douglasii* – Douglas maple  
*Acer negundo* – Boxelder  
*Acer platanoides* – Norway maple  
*Acer rubrum* – Red maple  
*Acer tataricum* var. *ginnala* – Amur maple  
*Betula papyrifera* – Paper birch  
*Betula pendula* – European white birch  
*Crataegus* – Hawthorn  
*Fraxinus manshurica* – Manchurian ash  
*Fraxinus nigra* – Black ash  
*Fraxinus pennsylvanica* – Green ash  
*Larix* – Larch, tamarack  
*Malus* – Apple, crabapple  
*Populus balsamifera* – Balsam poplar  
*Populus tremula* – Swedish columnar aspen  
*Populus tremuloides*, Aspen  
*Populus trichocarpa* – Cottonwood  
*Prunus cerasus* ‘Evans’ – Cherry  
*Prunus maackii* – Amur chokecherry  
*Prunus pennsylvanica* – Pin cherry  
*Pyrus ussuriensis* – Ussurian pear  
*Quercus macrocarpa* – Bur oak  
*Sorbus aucuparia* – Mountainash  
*Syringa reticulata* – Japanese tree lilac  
*Tilia Americana* – American linden, basswood  
*Tilia cordata* - Littleleaf linden

### Evergreen Tree

*Abies concolor* – White fir  
*Abies lasiocarpa* – Subalpine fir  
*Abies sibirica* – Siberian fir  
*Picea abies* – Norway spruce  
*Picea glauca* – White spruce  
*Picea pungens* – Colorado spruce

*Pinus aristata* – Bristlecone pine  
*Pinus cembra* – Swiss stone pine  
*Pinus contorta* spp. *latifolia* – Lodgepole pine  
*Pinus flexilis* – Limber pine  
*Pinus sylvestris* – Scotch pine  
*Pinus wallichiana* – Himalayan pine

### **Evergreen Shrubs**

*Juniperus communis* – Common juniper  
*Juniperus horizontalis* – Creeping juniper  
*Picea abies* – Norway spruce  
*Picea pungens* – Dwarf Colorado spruce  
*Pinus mugo* var. *mugo*, var. *pumilio* – Mugo pine  
*Rhododendron* Catawbiense, and 'PJM' hybrids – Rhododendron  
*Taxus cuspidata* – Japanese yew  
*Thuja occidentalis* – American arborvitae

### **Deciduous Shrubs**

*Acer tataricum* var. *ginnala* – Amur maple  
*Amelanchier alnifolia*, *A. canadensis* – Serviceberry  
*Betula nana* – Dwarf arctic birch  
*Cornus sericea* – Red-twig dogwood  
*Cotoneaster acutifolius*, *C. lucidus* – Cotoneaster  
*Dasiphora fruticosa* – Potentilla, shrubby bush cinquefoil  
*Eleagnus commutata* – Silverberry  
*Forsythia ovata* – Early forsythia  
*Lonicera tatarica*, *L. caerulea* – Honeysuckle  
*Physocarpus opulifolius* – Ninebark  
*Prunus tomentosa* – Nanking cherry  
*Prunus triloba* – Rose tree of China, flowering almond  
*Rhododendron* – Mollis hybrid azaleas, Northern Lights hybrids  
*Ribes alpinum* – Alpine currant  
*Ribes aureum* – Golden currant  
*Rosa acicularis* – Prickly rose  
*Rosa glauca* – Red-leaf rose  
*Rosa rugosa* – Rugosa rose  
*Salix* – Willow  
*Sorbaria sorbifolia* – Ural false spirea  
*Syringa meyeri* – Meyer lilac  
*Syringa x prestoniae* – Preston lilac  
*Syringa pubescens* subsp. *patula* – Manchurian lilac  
*Syringa vulgaris* – Common lilac  
*S. japonica* – Japanese spirea  
*S. x vanhouttei* – Vanhoutte spirea  
*Viburnum edule* – Highbush cranberry  
*Viburnum trilobum* – American cranberrybush