



CINCINNATI TOP TREES 2019

12 Pro Picks for Your Yard



**SEILER'S
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The Difference is in the Details

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Introduction

Even if you haven't hugged a tree today, you can take a minute to appreciate them: Trees give us shade, delight us with color and surround us with beauty. "They clean air and water and feed the soul," says the National Arbor Day Foundation.

In home landscaping, trees take a starring role. With their height and beauty that changes with the seasons, trees anchor landscape designs.

Because the lifespan of trees is so long, you don't want to make a mistake when it comes to choosing or planting them around your home. At Seiler's Landscaping, we rely on our decades of experience to pick the right tree for the right place.

Read on to discover a dozen trees that are perfect for planting here in the Cincinnati area.



-- Section 1 --

SHADE TREES



These workhorse trees offer benefits all year long. In the summer, a carefully placed shade tree can cool your deck, patio or house and give your air conditioner a break.

Colorful foliage is a visual treat every fall. And when the leaves drop, you can thank these trees for allowing winter sunshine to filter in and warm your home.

Red Sunset Maple



Red Sunset Maple

A moderately fast-growing tree, this red maple cultivar shades a yard with green glossy leaves that turn first orange-red then brilliantly red in the fall. A moist site makes this tree happy. It adapts to a range of climates and tolerates full sun to partial shade.

Choose Red Sunset Maple for:

- Superior fall color
- Good branch structure
- Reddish winter buds and winged summer fruits
- Small red and yellow flowers in the spring
- Impact: A full-grown tree will reach 45 to 50 feet with a 35- to 40- foot spread
- Its ability to stand up to the cold

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

You can't beat the gorgeous foliage of the Red Sunset. It's a showstopper.

Japanese Lilac Tree



Japanese Lilac Tree

If you're looking for a shade tree that stands out, this one is for you. Also known as a Chinese tree lilac, this species grows to 30 feet tall and 20 feet wide. It's a trouble-free, low-maintenance lilac that prefers full sun.

What We Love:

- Showy, fragrant white flowers in panicles (long flower clusters) reaching 12 inches long
- Rounded oval crown
- Blooms after other lilac blooms have passed
- Reddish-brown peeling bark on younger branches
- Dark green leaves
- Hummingbirds and butterflies love Japanese lilac trees

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

Don't let the gorgeous flowers and beautiful shape fool you: This tree is tough and hardy.

Lacebark Elm



Lacebark Elm

Make space in your yard for this tree—it will reward you with shiny dark green leaves all summer long. Lacebark elm is a tough tree with a graceful rounded shape. It's medium- to fast-growing and easily reaches 40 to 50 feet in height with a 40-foot spread.

You'll Love This Tree's:

- Multicolored bark that flakes to show gray, cream, orange, brown or green patches
- Leaves that turn in shades of yellow to reddish purple in the fall
- Good resistance to Dutch elm disease
- Small dark green leaves
- Adaptability to a variety of soil conditions
- Durability

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

With Cincinnati's hot summers, we like a tree that can tolerate drought.

-- Section 2 --

ORNAMENTAL TREES



Like a great piece of jewelry, ornamental trees add a bit of bling to your landscaping.

They might be small, but they are mighty in terms of visual impact. Putting an ornamental tree in just the right spot pulls a whole landscape together.

Cutleaf Japanese Maple



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Tuck this specimen in at a corner of your home, in a courtyard or by your deck or patio. If you are partial to an Asian garden look, this tree is a must-have. Be sure it has protection from strong wind and bright afternoon sunlight.

Choose This Tree For:

- Lacy, elongated leaves that create a delicate look
- Fall color that ranges from orange to red
- Its weeping cultivars, which have graceful arching branches
- Mounding growth, which retains low height

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

The lovely tree is no diva: It shines, but won't take over your landscape.

Weeping Redbud



Weeping Redbud

The lavender flowers of redbud trees are always a welcome sight after a long Cincinnati winter. This new genus of redbud has unique weeping and twisting branches that cascade down to the ground. Unlike its wild cousins, this redbud cultivar remains compact between 4 and 6 feet tall.

What We Love:

- Pinkish purple flowers that bloom in early spring
- Dark green heart-shaped leaves throughout the summer
- Yellow fall foliage
- Its petite size
- Low-maintenance character

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

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Lilac on Standard



Lilac on Standard

Dense and deciduous, the Lilac on Standard is a sweet lollipop-like tree. Perfect for a formal garden, or as a pop of color near your patio or in a front yard bed. The tree blooms later than common lilacs to keep the color going in your landscape.



What Makes It a Favorite:

- Sweetly scented, bright purple flowers
- Nickel-size leaves that resist mildew
- Neat outline and polished shape
- Dwarf height of 7 feet tall
- Sun-loving nature and adaptability to all soils

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

You get all the beauty and fragrance of lilacs in a neat tree form.

-- Section 3--

EVERGREEN TREES



Evergreens work just as hard as shade trees, but they do it all year 'round. Planted carefully, evergreens can provide shade, protection from wind and privacy in your landscape.

In bleak Ohio winters, the green of these trees stands out, and they provide food and shelter for birds and wildlife.

Norway Spruce



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This hunky, pyramidal tree can grow to 50 or 60 feet tall, making it perfect for use as a screen or windbreak in a large landscape. A full-grown Norway spruce can measure 25 feet in diameter.

What We Love:

- Long cylindrical cones
- Drought tolerance, a selling point in the Cincinnati area
- Cold hardiness and adaptability to a range of soils
- Disease resistance
- Dense branches that offer privacy, especially when planted in rows

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

Norway spruce is large and in charge. We like that it's tough and makes a strong visual statement.

Spring Grove Arborvitae



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Got deer? This tree could be the solution. Fast-growing and cold-hardy, the Spring Grove Arborvitae is unappealing to hungry deer. If you're looking for privacy, this species can quickly create a living screen in your yard.



With This Tree, You Get:

- Superior dark green glossy color
- Winter hardiness (it easily survives sub-zero temperatures)
- 20- to 30-foot height
- Thick foliage on a tight, pyramid shape

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

We love deer, but not what they do to landscaping. This tree can stand up to a whole herd.

Emerald Green Arborvitae



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This sun-loving specimen grows tall, but not big. Use this narrow tree in borders, containers, hedges and even small gardens. Fancy something a bit more fanciful?

Trim this arborvitae into whimsical topiary shapes.

Look For:

- A tall, narrow shape
- Dense, dark green winter foliage
- Capacity to thrive in Cincinnati's heat and humidity
- Drought tolerance
- Ability to create a privacy screen
- Suitability for topiary shaping

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

We love this tree's versatility; it plays well in so many different settings.

-- Section 4--

FLOWERING TREES



Who doesn't love flowers? The blooms on these trees bring color and life to landscaping.

From sweet to showy, choose a flowering tree to amp up your home's curb appeal.

Cloud Nine Dogwood



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The overlapping white petals of dogwood blooms do float like clouds. The early spring flowers give way to dark green leaves that turn red-purple in the fall. This species prefers partial shade but can stand up to full sun.



Why Choose This Tree?

- Glossy red berries that birds love
- Cold hardiness
- 15- to 30-foot height
- Billows of petal-like blooms that measure 4 inches across
- Horizontal branches that make good nesting sites

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

This tree just explodes every spring with layers of gorgeous blossoms.

Forest Pansy Redbud



Forest Pansy Redbud

This tree follows its flower performance with a second act: brilliant scarlet purple spring leaves that mature to a deep maroon color. Easy to grow in well-drained soil in full sun to part shade.



Why We Love This Tree:

- Pink flowers on bare branches in early spring
- 20-foot height
- An upright, rounded shape
- Unique, heart-shaped maroon leaves that may turn slightly orange in fall

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

It takes everything you love about redbuds and mixes it with gorgeous colored foliage.

Coralburst Crabapple



Coralburst Crabapple

There's nothing sour about this crabapple tree. Slow-growing and compact, this cultivar maintains a lovely shape year after year. Look for coral pink buds in the spring, followed by bronze-red ornamental fruit.



Choose This Flowering Tree For:

- Deep green foliage
- Mounds of fluffy flowers
- Resistance to fireblight, cedar-apple rust and mildew
- Tolerance of poor soil
- A burst of spring color

Why It's a Seiler's Landscaping Top Pick:

Semi-double rose-pink blossoms arrive early in spring: the perfect antidote to gray winter days.

Why Go Pro?

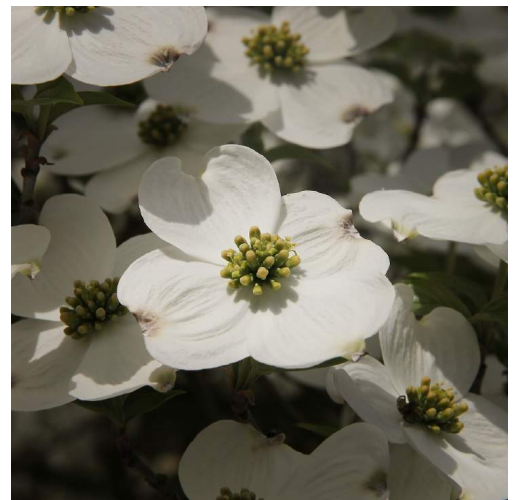
At Seiler's Landscaping, we are very choosy when it comes to trees. We scour tree nurseries throughout the Midwest and beyond, looking for the best quality trees for your landscape project. What do we look for when judging trees?

- Overall health and a strong central leader (or trunk)
- Good branching structure
- A nicely rounded crown
- Large size for the tree's age

You can purchase and plant trees yourself, but choosing a pro like Seiler's Landscaping leads to the best outcome. To help trees grow and thrive, we:

- Plant them at the proper depth
- Place them where they will receive the correct amount of sun and water
- Ensure there is room for them to grow to full height
- Add deer guards and stake them when necessary
- Add fertilizer and mulch around the base

We only select the best specimens, and we offer a one-year warranty on all our trees. If a tree doesn't perform for some reason during that year, we replace it.



Thank you for downloading this ebook. We hope it will be useful as you consider adding the beauty of trees to your home landscape.

Call us today at 513-791-2820 or visit www.seilerslandscaping.com for more information or to schedule a free consultation.

About the Author

As part of this second-generation, locally owned landscape business, Will Seiler has developed an insider's knowledge of the trees that thrive in Cincinnati. Will enjoys creating landscape designs that exceed clients' expectations; and says meeting people is his favorite part of the job.



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