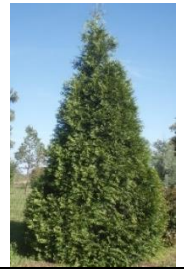
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Southern magnolia 'Edith Bogue' *Magnolia grandiflora* 	Full sun to part shade	All types, well draining	White, late spring	Moderate	40' tall x 16' spread	Evergreen	This tree is durable and is considered to be one of the most cold-hardy magnolias. Magnolias have delicate roots so try to limit extensive gardening in the root zone and protect roots with mulch.
Sweetbay magnolia 'Moonglow' *Magnolia Virginiana* 	Full sun to part shade	All types, well draining	White, early summer	Moderate	35' tall x 15' spread	Evergreen	This is a magnolia that prefers constantly moist soils and will tolerate swampy conditions. Once established, it is drought tolerant. Magnolias have delicate roots so try to limit extensive gardening in the root zone and protect roots with mulch.

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Shore pine *Pinus contorta* 	Full sun	All types, well draining		Low	45’ tall x 30’ spread	Evergreen	This species of pine is fast growing and is highly adaptable to soil and nutrient conditions. In the PNW, pines are the most valuable trees for native birds and small mammals. No two shore pines grow the same. It has low water requirements once established.
Douglas fir *Pseudotsuga menziesii* 	Full sun to part sun	All types, well draining		Low	100 – 200’ tall x 20’ spread	Evergreen	This is the most common tree you will see in Bellevue. It is not a true fir, pine, spruce, or hemlock. Douglas firs are a beautiful, tall species with pyramidal shape when young and an open structure when mature. It is a favorite tree utilized by many native animal species, has a thick, fire-resistant bark and is sensitive to drought.
Green giant arborvitae *Thuja plicata* 'Green Giant' 	Full sun to part shade	All types, some tolerance for wet sites		Low-moderate	60’ tall x 20’ spread	Evergreen	This is a hardy Western Red Cedar that is disease free and can be kept more compact by pruning. Is often used for screening or hedges. It’s deer resistant.

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Northern spire *Thuja plicata 'Northern Spire'* 	Full sun to part shade	All types, some tolerance for wet sites		Low-moderate	20 tall x 6' spread	Red	This Western Red Cedar is a strong dependable grower that is easy to grow, very hardy, and low maintenance. When planted in groups it can act as a tall hedge, screen or barrier. It's deer resistant.
Serviceberry *Amelanchier alnifolia* 	Full sun to part sun	All types, well draining	White	Moderate	20' tall x 20' spread	Red-orange	Also known as a Saskatoon berry, this small, native tree has white flowers with loose petals. It grows edible purple fruit which ripen in early summer (if plant receives enough sun). Its fruit can be enjoyed by humans and also attracts native species. It can be pruned to control shape/size.
Cascara *Frangula purshiana* 	Full sun to part shade	All types, tolerance for wet sites	Greenish-white	Moderate-high	15-35' tall x 30' spread	Green-white	This small, native tree can form a bush/shrub or a tree depending on pruning and will produce small fruit which is toxic to humans but is loved by native birds. Cascara is a very tolerant species which can be grown in a wide variety of soil types.

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Chicago hardy fig *Ficus carica 'Chicago Hardy'* 	Full sun to part sun	All types, well draining		Moderate -high	12' tall x 10' spread	Yellow	A self-fertile fig that produces sweet deep purple fruit that ripens in late summer early fall. Virtually pest and disease free. Use mulch throughout the trees life to help retain water. Trees will produce more/better fruit if given additional water when dry while fruiting, which begins around 1-2 years. Fertilize in early spring and midsummer with compost to provide nutrients for fruit production.
Desert king fig *Ficus carica 'Desert King'* 	Full sun to part sun	All types, well draining		Moderate -high	10' tall x 12' spread	Dark green	A self-fertile fig with light green skin and strawberry-colored pulp. It is excellent for fresh eating. It produces a large spring crop and a smaller late summer one. Light pruning is needed to ensure future crops.
Canadian reinette apple *Malus Reinette du Canada* 	Full sun	All types, well draining	White, spring	Moderate -high	15' tall	Greenish-yellow	This heirloom variety was first cultivated in France in the 1600's. It will produce more/better fruit if given additional water when dry while fruiting (begins between 2 and 4 years). Use mulch to help retain water. Fertilize in early spring and midsummer with compost to provide nutrients for fruit production. Golden fruit ripens late but may be picked early for best baking and will sweeten into fall. Pollination requirements are contradictory in literature: some sources say self-fertile, some say self-sterile (Requires two unrelated apple species OR one self-fruitful variety nearby to produce fruit).

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Lapins cherry *Prunus avium* 'Lapins' 	Full sun	All types, well draining	White, Spring	Moderate -high	20' tall x 15' spread	Red, orange, and yellow	This cherry was bred to be an improvement on the Bing cherry, with similar flavor. The fruit is excellent for all uses and ripens between June and August. Use mulch throughout the trees life to help retain water. Trees will produce more/better fruit if given additional water when dry while fruiting, which begins between 3 and 5 years old. Fertilize in early spring and midsummer with compost to provide nutrients for fruit production. It is self-fruitful, great for pollinators, and is crack and canker resistant.
Japanese tree lilac *Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk' 	Full sun	All types, well draining	White, late spring	Moderate	25' tall x 20' spread	Green-Yellow-Brown	Tree lilacs have lovely spring blooms that attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. They can be shaped into a tall bush or tree form via pruning. Their blooms are showy and fragrant and bloom for much longer than traditional lilacs. Water during extreme heat even after establishment.