

List of Plants

1. Oga Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*)



This Asia native herbaceous perennial produces pink and white flowers from summer to fall. The Oga Lotus was a gift from Houston's sister city, Chiba City, Japan.

Light: Full sun

Size: 3 - 6' tall, 3 - 4' wide

Water: Wet

Special Cultural Requirements: Aphids and red spider mites are occasional pests; fish can help control it. Watch out for blights.

2. Taiwan Cherry Tree (*Prunus campanulata*)



This cherry tree comes from Taiwan and blooms bright pink flowers in early spring. It attracts birds, but its cherries are not edible for human consumption. This cherry tree is well adapted to Houston's climate.

Light: Full sun - partial shade

Size: 10 - 25' tall, 10 - 15' wide

Water: Moderate

3. Japanese Black Pine (*Pinus thunbergii*)



This evergreen tolerates deer, high salt content, and can be grown as a bonsai.

Light: Full sun

Size: 20 - 60' tall, 12 - 20' wide

Water: Moderate

4. Japanese Apricot (*Prunus mume* 'Kobai')



This deciduous tree blooms in winter with fragrant red flowers. The aromatic plant is native to Japan and attracts butterflies.

Light: Full sun to partial shade

Size: 15 - 20' tall

Water: Moderate

5. Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*)



This deciduous tree blooms in spring with small reddish-purple flowers. This plant is native to Japan and attracts rabbits.

Light: Full sun to partial shade

Size: 10 - 25' tall, 10 - 25' wide

Water: Moderate

Special Cultural Requirements: Avoid hot and dry sites, and plant in areas protected from strong winds.

6. Osmanthus/Fragrant Olive (*Osmanthus fragrans*)



This evergreen tree blooms in spring with white flowers. The aromatic plant is native to Japan and attracts butterflies. It tolerates heavy clays, and drought tolerant once established.

Light: Full sun to partial shade

Size: 10 - 15' tall, 10 - 15' wide

Water: Moderate

Special Cultural Requirements: Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring.

7. Japanese Wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*)



This deciduous vine is native to Japan and blooms in spring with lilac flowers.

Light: Sun to partial shade

Size: 30 - 40' tall

Water: Moderate

Special Cultural Requirements: Do not overwater; also this plant self-sows

8. Camellia (*Camellia Japonica*)



This evergreen perennial blooms every season with white, pink, red, yellow, and lavender flowers. This aromatic plant is native to Japan and attracts butterflies.

Light: Partial shade

Size: 7 - 12' tall, 5 - 10" wide

Water: Moderate

9. Nandina/Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*)



This deciduous shrub blooms in spring with white flowers and produces berries in winter. This plant is native to Japan and is deer resistant and attracts birds.

Light: Partial shade - full sun

Size: 4 - 8' tall, 2 - 3' wide

Water: Moderate, but only occasionally once established

Special Cultural Requirements: Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring.

10. Indica Hybrid - George Tabor (*Rhododendron* x '*George Tabor*')



This evergreen perennial blooms in mid-spring with pink flowers. It attracts hummingbirds, bees, and other pollinators.

Light: Full to partial shade

Size: 6 - 8' tall, 4 - 6' wide

Water: Moderate

Special Cultural Requirements: Keep roots cool with a thick layer of mulch and feed with an acid fertilizer.