

FAQs



- **MY GARDEN IS VERY SMALL – WHAT TREES ARE SUITABLE TO PLANT?**

Here are some decorative tree to consider -

Flowering Cherry , Amelanchier, Crab Apple , Hawthorn, Rowan -

but look at the varieties of each sort, and consider not just flowers and leaf colour and berries, but also the eventual height and spread of each variety. Most small trees will eventually reach a height of 25 ft or more, but some varieties are smaller - 15 or 20 ft.

Look for these trees and **explore some of the recommended varieties** on the Royal Horticultural Society website - 'Trees for smaller gardens':

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=117>

or see Ashridge Nurseries website - <https://www.ashridgetrees.co.uk>

Fruit trees are also an option – often grown on dwarfing root stocks to ensure the final height is kept low. They can be trained in different forms against a sunny wall or fence: cordons or espaliers for apples and pears, and fans for plums and cherries **For good advice and to order fruit trees online**, see Walcot Organic Nursery <https://walcotnursery.co.uk>

And even in a tiny garden consider planting a very small fruit tree, or a shrub such as a wild rose (*Rosa canina*). This grows 1 – 5 metres high and looks good among other shrubs or as part of a hedge.

- **I HAVE SOME WELL-GROWN SAPLINGS – CAN I FIND A GOOD HOME FOR THEM?**

Advice from Oxford Botanic Garden - <http://www.obga.ox.ac.uk> -

'If you have trees which need a home you can contact a number of organisations in your local area: your district council, community groups, farms, schools, nurseries, garden centres, wildlife trusts, conservation organisations in the area. You can also contact anyone who is holding an event in your area during National Tree Week who might like more trees to plant.'

National Tree Week in 2021 will be from 27 November - 5 December.

For more information about it see the Tree Council website:

<https://www.treecouncil.org.uk>

- **I HAVEN'T GOT A GARDEN – CAN I STILL HELP TO PLANT A TREE?**

YES! Here are some ideas.

Do you have **friends or family with a garden**? Offer to buy them a tree to mark a special celebration.

Plant a tree in a pot on your balcony or outside your door. Keep it well watered and when it is bigger find a good home for it – see the previous page for ideas.

Make a donation, send a gift

There are many specialist organisations that accept donations to plant more trees in the UK and around the world.

Many of them also offer a gift card or certificate of planting that you can send to your friends and family as a virtual present – an idea for Christmas gifts this year?

The Tree Council - Together for the love of trees

<https://treecouncil.org.uk>

'A gift of £15 to The Tree Council can help us plant a brand-new tree or a metre of hedgerow – and make sure they get the vital aftercare they need to grow.

Whether you give £1 or £100, your donation will make a real difference as we work together to create a greener future.'

The National Trust

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk>

'Trees help to breathe life into our world.

Donate just £5 to plant a sapling, and you'll be helping to plant and protect 20 million trees by 2030.'

The Woodland Trust - big climate fightback

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Trees for Cities

<https://www.treesforcities.org>

Tree Aid – regreening Africa

<https://www.treeaid.org>