

Suggested Tree Varieties for Memorial Trees

This list is to be used in conjunction with Bishop's Waltham Parish Council's *Memorial Tree and Bench Policy*. The variety of tree should be selected with the proposed location in mind.

1. Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 400 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (white flowers), Autumn (red berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Birds like thrushes and blackbirds enjoy the berries; provides shelter for small mammals

2. Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 200 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (white flowers), Autumn (red berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Birds like waxwings and thrushes enjoy the berries; supports various insects

3. Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)

- **Maximum Height:** 12 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 80 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (catkins), Autumn (nuts)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Nuts are a food source for squirrels and dormice; supports various insects

4. Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)

- **Maximum Height:** 10 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 300 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Winter (red berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Berries are a food source for birds like thrushes; provides shelter for small mammals

5. Elder (*Sambucus nigra*)

- **Maximum Height:** 10 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 60 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Summer (white flowers), Autumn (black berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Berries are a food source for birds like blackbirds; flowers attract pollinators

6. Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*)

- **Maximum Height:** 10 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 100 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (pink/white flowers), Autumn (small apples)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Apples are a food source for birds and mammals; flowers attract pollinators

7. Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 60 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (white flowers), Summer (black cherries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Cherries are a food source for birds; flowers attract pollinators

8. Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*)

- **Maximum Height:** 10 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 50 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (catkins)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Catkins provide early nectar for bees; supports various insects

9. Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*)

- **Maximum Height:** 5 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 30 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Summer (white flowers), Autumn (red berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Berries are a food source for birds; flowers attract pollinators

10. Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 100 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (catkins), Autumn (yellow leaves)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Supports various insects; provides habitat for birds

11. Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 350 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Autumn (golden leaves)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Supports aphids, ladybirds, hoverflies, and birds; flowers provide nectar for bees

12. Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*)

- **Maximum Height:** 15 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 100 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (white flowers), Autumn (red berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Berries are a food source for birds; leaves support caterpillars

13. Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana*)

- **Maximum Height:** 5 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 50 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (cream flowers), Autumn (red to black berries)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Berries are a food source for birds; flowers attract pollinators

14. Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)

- **Maximum Height:** 7 metres
- **Age:** Can live up to 100 years
- **Seasons of Interest:** Spring (white flowers), Autumn (blue-black sloes)
- **Wildlife Benefits:** Provides nectar and pollen for bees in spring; berries are a food source for birds; dense thickets provide shelter for small mammals and nesting sites for birds