



Fast Growing Trees

A tree classified as "fast-growing" typically refers to a species that gains height and width at a rate significantly quicker than average. These trees often grow more than 2 feet per year, allowing them to reach maturity in a shorter timeframe compared to slower-growing species. Fast-growing trees are valued for quickly providing shade, windbreaks, and visual barriers in landscapes, but they may also have softer wood, shorter lifespans, and higher maintenance needs. Common examples include Exclamation Sycamores, willows, and some varieties of maple, which thrive in various environments and offer rapid results for gardeners and landscapers.

1. **Autumn Blaze (*Acer freemanii*):** Autumn Blaze is a deciduous tree that grows to 40-50 feet tall and about 30-40 feet wide. It turns a bright red color in fall and has a growth rate of about 3 feet per year. Full sun, deciduous.
2. **Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*):** This water-loving deciduous tree in East TX grows to about 50-70 feet tall and 20-30 feet wide, with a growth rate of 24-36 inches a year. Full sun.
3. **Carolina Sapphire Cypress (*Cupressus arizonica var. glabra*):** It can grow up to 30-40 feet tall and 15-20 feet wide, with a growth rate of 16-30 inches a year. Full sun, evergreen.
4. **Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*):** The Cedar Elm can grow up to 80 feet tall and 60 feet wide. It is a deciduous tree with an average growth rate of 15-24 inches a year. Full sun.

5. **Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)**: Cherry Laurel is an evergreen shrub growing up to 25 feet tall and 30 feet wide, with a growth rate of 25 inches a year. It produces cherry-like berries that are fragrant and attract birds. It is suitable for privacy and thrives in full sun to part shade.
6. **Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)**: Grows 25-40 feet tall and 25-30 feet wide, with a fast growth rate of 2-3 feet per year. It is drought-tolerant, prefers full sun, and is deciduous.
7. **Crabapple Tree (*Malus sylvestris*)**: Depending on the variety, crabapple trees range from 4-40 feet in height and spread, with a growth rate of 12-24 inches per year. Full sun, deciduous.
8. **Cleveland Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)**: A deciduous tree that grows to 30-40 feet tall and 15-20 feet wide, with a growth rate of 3-5 feet per year. Full sun.
9. **Exclamation Sycamore (*Platanus x acerifolia*)**: The Exclamation Sycamore grows around 3 feet a year and reaches about 55-65 feet tall and 40-50 feet wide. Full sun, deciduous.
10. **Green Giant Arborvitae (*Thuja standishii*)**: The Green Giant Arborvitae can grow up to 40-60 feet tall and 12-18 feet wide, with a growth rate of 3 feet per year. Full sun, evergreen.
11. **Lacebark Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)**: A great shade tree that grows around 40-50 feet tall and wide, with a growth rate of 2 feet per year. It prefers full sun and is deciduous.
12. **Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*)**: A good native tree in East TX that grows about 98-115 feet tall and has a spread of 40 feet, with a growth rate of 2 feet a year. Full sun. Evergreen.
13. **Nellie R. Stevens Holly (*Ilex 'Nellie R. Stevens'*)**: This shrub can be trimmed to tree form and grows to 15-25 feet tall and 8-12 feet wide, with a growth rate of 3 feet a year. Full sun, evergreen.

14. **Peach Tree (*Prunus persica*)**: An average peach tree grows about 25 feet tall and wide, with a growth rate of 18-20 inches per year. Full sun. Deciduous.
15. **River Birch (*Betula nigra*)**: River Birch is a great deciduous shade tree that grows about 60-80 feet tall and 40-60 feet wide, with a growth rate of 1.5-2 feet per year. Full sun.
16. **Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*)**: Weeping Willow is a water-loving tree that grows to 30-50 feet tall and 30-40 feet wide, with a growth rate of 3-4 feet per year. Full sun, deciduous.
17. **Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*)**: This shade tree grows around 60-75 feet tall and 25-50 feet wide, with a growth rate of 1-2 feet per year. It prefers full sun and is deciduous.