

Do not be too concerned by ultimate size of tree if it takes very many years to reach it.

Betula utilis var. jacquemontii (Himalayan birch): 'Grayswood Ghost' - selection with particularly good white bark that does not grow as large.

Rhus typhina – Stag's horn sumac; good autumn colour and small leaflets that will not cause such a problem on lawns and beds when they fall. Statuesque in winter.

Liquidambar 'Worplesdon': never plant liquidambar bare rooted, only root-ball or potted.

Amelanchier lamarkii: white flowers; young leaves tinged bronze; good autumn colour.

Sorbus (Rowan): flowers for bees and pollinators, berries for birds, good autumn colour and small leaves.

Crataegus (Hawthorn) 'Paul's Scarlet': red blossom; but straightforward hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) has good white blossom and better berries.

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy': can be weak at the graft, so make sure it is well staked and do not let it get too top heavy.

Sambucus 'Black Lace': perennials do not necessarily last for ever! Think of this lasting for 10 years.

Cornus 'Porlock': showy white bracts in spring, good autumn colour and red fruits.

Catalpa bignonioides 'Aurea': attractive large leaves, yellow in case of 'Aurea'; flowers in spring.

Acer palmatum 'Fireglow' & 'Bloodgood' – OK on chalk. Purple foliage gives good contrast and colours well in autumn.

Ornamental cherries: **Prunus shirotae**: superb blossom – may only last for a day, but well worth it.

Prunus 'Fragrant Cloud': large white flowers, very fragrant; good autumn colour.

Prunus serrulata 'Tai Haku': pure white flowers; young foliage bronze.

Prunus incisa 'Yamadei': pure white flowers; good autumn colour.

Ornamental pears: **Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'**: flowers and very good autumn colour; holds leaves until December.

Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula' (willow-leaved weeping pear).

Crab apples: **Malus hupehensis**: good blossom; small, bright red fruits.

Malus 'Evereste': flowers like apple blossom; yellow-orange fruits.

Malus 'Van Eseltine': smaller, upright tree; deep pink buds open to pink flowers; small yellow fruits.

Underplanting: *Best planted mid-way between the drip line (outer limit of foliage), where the tree's roots are most active, and the trunk.*

In light shade: **Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'**

Hydrangea paniculata

In denser shade: **Sarcococca** (sweet box) – evergreen; tiny white flowers in winter give strong fragrance.

Large leaved ivies (not as rampant as common ivy, *Hedera helix*).

Mahonias

The above are just personal notes that, unfortunately, do not cover the full breadth of trees and plants presented by Andy McIndoe, nor all the useful information he gave. Hopefully, they will serve to jog the memory. Any inaccuracies are mine, not his. Any comments or corrections to webmaster@lavanthortsoc.org.uk.