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Period Plants

Trees, Shrub & Vines for Your Period Garden

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The following list of trees, shrubs and vines is an attempt to outline many of the most popular plants in cultivation during the 19th and early 20th centuries in America. These are by no means the only trees, shrubs and vines planted during this period- many have been kept off this list simply because they are not ideal in a residential setting. Also, those listed are readily available in the nursery trade today. In the instance where a tree was once very popular, but may not be appropriate today due to disease, etc..., an alternative has been suggested. This list should be a beneficial starting point for designing and building a garden for your “Period Home”.

BOLD- Native

TREES

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White Fir, Concolor Fir	Conifer; Softer needles than Blue Spruce
<i>Acer palmatum</i> ‘Atropurpureum’	Blood-leaved Japanese Maple	Dark, red leaves
<i>Acer palmatum</i> ‘Dissectum’	Cut-leaf Japanese Maple	Finely-textured leaves
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	Shallow root system is not ideal for lawns
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	
<i>Aesculus carnea</i>	Red Horsechestnut	The best Buckeye for residential gardens
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	Also try <i>Betula nigra</i> for bark effect
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	European Hornbeam	‘Fastigiata’ is a tall, narrow variety
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsura Tree	
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Hinoki Falsecypress	Numerous cultivars
<i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	Japanese Falsecypress	Numerous cultivars
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree	Native, underappreciated small tree or shrub
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	Our native flowering Dogwood
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Japanese Dogwood	Looks terrific in each season
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	Yellow spring flowers
<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>	Cockspur Hawthorn	use <i>var. inermis</i> which is a thorn-less variety
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European Beech	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> ‘Atropurpurea’	Copper Beech	Purple leaves on a majestic shade tree
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> ‘Pendula’	Weeping European Beech	
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo	Tolerant of city conditions
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis</i>	Thornless Honeylocust	

<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch Hazel	
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Althea, Rose-of-Sharon	
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Golden Rain Tree	Spectacular yellow flowers
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum	
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree	
<i>Magnolia x soulangeana</i>	Saucer Magnolia	
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star Magnolia	A Magnolia perfect for small spaces
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Flowering Crabapple	Numerous cultivars available today
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	Try <i>Picea glauca</i> 'Densata'
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Colorado Blue Spruce	
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	State Tree of Michigan
<i>Prunus subhirtella pendula</i>	Weeping Higan Cherry	Pink spring flowers
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir	
<i>Quercus robur var. fastigiata</i>	Pyramidal English Oak	Very upright, narrow growth
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese Stewartia	Gorgeous small tree in all seasons
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	Lacks the fragrance associated with lilacs
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae	
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canadian Hemlock	
<i>Tsuga canadensis 'Pendula'</i>	Weeping Hemlock	
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American Elm	Substitute <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>

SHRUBS

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottlebrush Buckeye	Large multi-stemmed shrubs
<i>Berberis thunbergii atropurpurea</i>	Japanese Barberry	Reddish-purple foliage
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	
<i>Buxus sempervirens 'Suffruticosa'</i>	Dwarf English Boxwood	Many Boxwood varieties available today
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice, Sweetshrub	Very fragrant; site adaptable
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	Japanese Flowering Quince	
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summer Sweet	Fragrant; tolerates shade & moist soils
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Redosier Dogwood	Brilliant red stems
<i>Cornus stolonifera 'Flaviramea'</i>	Yellow-twig Dogwood	Yellow stems
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	Rockspray Cotoneaster	
<i>Deutzia gracilis</i>	Slender Deutzia	
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning Bush	Brilliant red fall color
<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>	Golden Forsythia	
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Dwarf Fothergilla	Interesting flowers, beautiful fall color
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	Bigleaf Hydrangea	Many cultivars exist today
<i>H. paniculata 'Grandiflora'</i>	Peegee Hydrangea	Large white flowers
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Snowball Hydrangea	Try 'Annabelle'; smaller than Peegee
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf Hydrangea	Great fall color and interesting foliage
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry Holly	Michigan native with brilliant red fruits
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping Juniper	Used for evergreen groundcover
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Red Cedar	
<i>Kerria japonica</i>	Japanese Kerria	
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Common Privet	Used extensively for hedging
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape Holly	
<i>Philadelphus coronarius</i>	Mock Orange	Very fragrant flowers
<i>Pieris japonica</i>	Japanese Pieris	
<i>Pinus mugo var. mugo</i>	Dwarf Mugo Pine	
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Scarlet Firethorn	Broadleaf evergreen with orange berries
<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	Catawba Rhododendron	Many cultivars exist today
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Rugosa Rose	Beautiful rose hips (fruits)
<i>Rosa spp.</i>	Shrub roses	Endless variety today
<i>Spiraea prunifolia</i>	Bridal Wreath Spirea	Classic white, spring flowering shrub
<i>S. japonica 'Anthony Waterer'</i>	Anthony Waterer Spirea	
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	Common Lilac	

<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	Japanese Yew	Many superior varieties available today
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Roseum'	Snowball Viburnum	
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Cranberry Viburnum	
<i>Viburnum plicatum tomentosum</i>	Doublefile Viburnum	Wonderful horizontal branching
<i>Weigela florida</i>	Old Fashioned Weigela	

VINES

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Five-leaf Akebia	Delightful fragrance
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Porcelain Ampelopsis	
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine	
<i>Clematis x jackmanii</i>	Jackman Clematis	Many varieties exist today
<i>Clematis paniculata</i>	Sweet Autumn Clematis	Masses of white flowers in the fall
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	Very popular in Victorian gardens
<i>Hydrangea petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	The most beautiful of all climbers
<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>	Morning Glory	Annual vine
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle	
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	Graces the walls of many college buildings
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	Boston Ivy	Many varieties available today
<i>Rosa spp.</i>	Climbing Roses	A Classic climber with purple flowers
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese Wisteria	