



## Montpelier's Garden Forest:

# FREE TREES!

A tree or shrub in your garden can provide colour, shade, food, a lasting habitat for wildlife and even increase the value of your house.

Urban Greening are delighted to be working with The Forest of Avon Trust to offer limited numbers of FREE APPLE TREES and FREE HEDGEROW or LANDSCAPE TREES OR SHRUBS, for planting in gardens this late autumn/ winter.

Apple trees are supplied in pots and are approximately 1.5 metres tall, others are up to 1.0 metre tall and supplied bare rooted or in pots. **Free trees or shrubs are available at 1 per house and on a first come first served basis. Sorry, this offer is only for Montpelier households at the present time.**

## GETTING A FREE TREE COULDN'T BE SIMPLER...

- Check the suitability of your garden, including the items on the next page and pick a suitable tree/shrub from the table (if you are a tenant you will also need the permission of your landlord).
- Complete the request form at [www.transitionmontpelier.org.uk/blog/free-tree-give-away/](http://www.transitionmontpelier.org.uk/blog/free-tree-give-away/) by the closing date of **19 November 2010**. We'll let you know if you're successful.
- Collect your tree and Planting Guide from outside Bell's Diner on **4 December**.
- Send us images of the tree when planted and as it grows and we will create a record of the 'Montpelier Garden Forest', enter you into the Forest of Avon Trust's Garden Forest register and send you a unique window sticker.

## ADDITIONAL TREES AND SHRUBS

If you become a Friend of the Forest of Avon Trust you'll qualify for a further **free** tree or shrub. Or you can buy extras: 1.0 metre high trees or shrubs are £2.00 each; 1.2- 1.5 metre high trees or shrubs £5.00 each and apple trees £22.50 each.

**Please visit [moretreesmoreaction.com](http://moretreesmoreaction.com) or call 0117 963 3383 to find out more about the Forest of Avon Trust.**

## Planting Trees & Shrubs as part of the Garden Forest

If you want to plant a tree/ shrub there are a few things you need to think about first:

### What do I want it to do for me?

All trees/ shrubs provide shade, filter pollution, provide shade and enhance the landscape quality of your area. Depending on species, they are also good for varied wildlife, add colour and interest at different times and can form a feature, hedge, or just fill a corner. The table below gives guidance about which tree/ shrub does which.

### What size will it be when fully grown?

Trees and shrubs come in all shapes and sizes and can live and grow for a very long time. When planning your planting you need to think about the size it will be (under and above ground) when fully grown. A guide for a new garden tree/ shrub is that it should be no closer than its full- grown height from a building. Also think about its impact on your neighbours.

### Garden Forest Trees & Shrubs- Some Characteristics

ENGLISH/ COMMON NAME	MATURE HEIGHT	SOME BENEFITS	SOILS	LIGHT DEMANDING
Geulder rose	4m	Flowers, leaves, wildlife, fast-growing	Avoid acid & dry soils	Not tolerant of shade
Cox apple	5m (M106 rootstock)	Flowers, eating apples (self fertile)	Fertile soils	Not tolerant of shade
Crab apple	10m	Flowers, wildlife	Wide tolerance	Does not tolerate dense shade
Hawthorn	15m	Flowers, wildlife, fast- growing, can be used for hedges	Wide tolerance	Does not tolerate dense shade
Hazel	10m	Catkins, nuts, wildlife, fast-growing, can be used for hedges	Avoid acid soils	Shade tolerant
Field maple	15m	Flowers, leaves, wildlife, can be used for hedges	Avoid heavy soils	Shade tolerant
Rowan	15m	Leaves, berry colour, wildlife, fast growing	Avoid clays	Tolerates some shade
Silver birch	25m	Bark, shape, wildlife (Only consider for very large gardens)	Prefers lighter, acid soils	Not tolerant of shade

Sources: JCLI Trees & Shrubs for Landscape Planting; Planting Native Trees & Shrubs, Beckett; Trees & How to Grow Them, Lipscombe & Stokes.

# REGISTER NOW!

Register online at:

<http://www.transitionmontpelier.org.uk/blog/free-tree-give-away/>