

Be Part of Montpellier's Garden Forest:

Free Trees!

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

This year, the Forest of Avon Trust is again working with Urban Greening to offer limited numbers of FREE TREES and SHRUBS in Montpellier, for planting in GARDENS this winter.

Trees/ shrubs are supplied bare-rooted and are approximately 0.6-0.9 m high. **Free trees/shrubs are available 1 per house and on a first come first served basis.**

GETTING A FREE TREE/ SHRUB COULDN'T BE SIMPLER

- Check the suitability of your garden, including the items covered on the back of this sheet and identify a suitable tree/ shrub; the Tree Planting & Maintenance Guide available at <http://forestofavontrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Garden-Forest-Planting-Guide.a.pdf> may help you with this; (if you are a tenant, you will need to get permission from your landlord);
- Complete the request form at by the **closing date of 8th December 2011**. We will let you know if you have been successful.
- **Collect your tree/ shrub and Tree Planting & Maintenance Guide from the Picton Street Winter Fayre between 2 and 4pm on Saturday 17 December.**
- We will record you in our Garden Forest register, provide a unique window sticker and request an image of the planted tree/ shrub.

ADDITIONAL TREES/ SHRUBS

If you become a Friend of the Forest of Avon Trust:

www.moretreesmoreaction.com you will qualify for a further 2 FREE trees/ shrubs. Additional trees/ shrubs can also be purchased. 0.6- 0.9m tall bare-rooted trees/ shrubs are £2.50 each and bare- rooted 0.75m apple trees £10.00 each. Pot grown Garden Centre quality fruit trees can also be ordered: £20.00, collected. Payment by cheque to Forest of Avon Trust, or via the Trust's Virgin Money Giving account on its front page.

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
Guelder rose	4m	Flowers, leaves, wildlife, fast- growing	Avoid acid & dry soils	Not tolerant of shade
English eating apple (NOT FREE)	5m	Flowers, eating apples (Needs other apples nearby to pollinate- why not plant with other people in a street/ road?)	Fertile soils	Not tolerant of shade
Hazel	10m	Catkins, nuts, wildlife, fast- growing, can cut & used for hedges	Avoid acid soils	Shade tolerant
Crab apple	10m	Flowers, wildlife	Wide tolerance	Does not tolerate dense shade
Hawthorn	15m	Flowers, wildlife, fast- growing, can be cut & used for hedges	Wide tolerance	Does not tolerate dense shade
Field maple	15m	Flowers, leaves, wildlife, can be cut & used for hedges	Avoid heavy soils	Shade tolerant
Rowan	15m	Leaves, berry colour, wildlife, fast growing	Avoid clays	Tolerates some 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: www.transitionmontpelier.org.uk

To find out about the Forest of Avon Trust, the local trust for trees, visit:
www.moretreesmoreaction.com