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Brrrrr... choose delightful trees for frightful weather

December's Arctic blasts brought subzero temperatures to the Midwest and Northeast and with them, a true test of hardiness for the region's trees. Factor in wind chill, and it's an even tougher field trial for hardiness and survival. And winter has just begun!

While the weather outside is frightful, it's a good time plan for future plantings of trees that will survive and thrive in extreme weather conditions on both ends of the temperature spectrum. For your consideration, we present three winter-hardy, widely adaptable shade and flowering trees that also offer good heat and drought tolerance.

Golden Raindrops® Crabapple

Malus 'Schmidcutleaf'



Elegant and unique among the flowering crabapples! Strong and slender, upright-growing branches are smothered with masses of delicate, long-lasting, fragrant, star-like white flowers in spring. Blooms are followed by deeply lobed, disease-resistant, deep green foliage that turns golden-yellow in autumn. Clusters of tiny golden yellow fruits attract birds and persist into winter, when they sparkle like golden raindrops along its bare branches. Zone 3 hardiness recommends it for cold climates.

Pink Flair® Cherry

Prunus sargentii 'JFS-KW58'



Count on this hardiest of the Sargent Cherry selections to deliver four seasons of beauty across a wide range of climate zones. Zone 3b hardiness brings pink to the prairies: Frost damage is avoided when fragrant, bright pink single flowers appear a week or two later than is typical of the species. Exceptionally disease-resistant foliage makes it the best choice for regions with cool, rainy springs. Performance trials in the Southeast have proven its superior heat and drought tolerance.

American Hophornbeam

Ostrya virginiana



Known regionally as "Ironwood," this adaptable shade tree is notable for hard wood and strong branch angles that resist damage from ice and snow. Tolerant of shade, drought and alkaline soils, this pest and disease resistant North American native tree is carefree and adaptable to cold (Zone 4) and hot climates. Dark green, finely serrated, hornbeam-like leaves and summertime's crop of pendulous, ivory-colored, hop-like fruits give rise to its name.



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