Selected Trees and Shrubs for Northwest Kansas Landscapes

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The following plants are adaptable to Northwest Kansas though some will grow better in good soil conditions and when protected from winds and the hot sun of a southern or western exposure. Those that need to be protected for best growth by planting on a north or east side of a structure are noted with a (P). Most of these plants will grow well with a minimum amount of supplemental irrigation once established. Regular watering will be needed until the plants are well-rooted. This may take 2 or more years depending on the site and the type and size of plant. The plants that are good for low-water landscapes are indicated with a (L)

**Large Deciduous Trees** (over 45')
- Black Walnut (L)
- Bur Oak (L)
- Chinkapin Oak (L)
- Common Hackberry (L)
- English Oak (L)
- Honeylocust (L) (cultivars as Shademaster)
- Kentucky Coffeetree (L)
- Northern Red Oak
- Shumard Oak

**Medium Deciduous Trees** (30-45')
- Aristocrat Pear (L) (or other Callery Pear cultivars except Bradford) Canada
- Red Cherry
- Goldenraintree (L)
- Lacebark Elm (L)
- Littleleaf Linden (P)
- Osage Orange (L) (thornless & fruitless)
- Sawtooth Oak (L)

**Small Deciduous Trees** (under 30')
- Amur Maple (L)
- Flowering Crabapple (L) (disease resistant)
- Redbud (L)
- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (L)
- Washington Hawthorn (L)
- Winter King Hawthorn (L)

**Large Deciduous Shrubs** (over 8')
- Autumn Olive (L)
- Beauty Bush (L)
- Blackhaw Viburnum
- Border Privet (L)
- Chinese Lilac (L)
- Common Lilac (L)
- European Cranberrybush Viburnum
- Gray Dogwood (L)
- Harry Lauder’s Walkingstick (P)
- Koreanspice Viburnum (P)
- Nannyberry Viburnum
- Ninebark (L)
- Peking Cotoneaster (L)
- Rose of Sharon (L)
- Roughleaf Dogwood (L)
- Siberian Pea Shrub (L)
- Snowball Bush Viburnum (L)
- Staghorn Sumac (L)
- Vanhoutte Spirea (L)
- Winter Honeysuckle (L)

**Medium Deciduous Shrubs** (4 to 8')
- Butterfly Bush (L)
- Compact Burning Bush (Winged Euonymus)
- Flowering Quince (L)
- Forsythia (L)
- Fragrant Sumac (L)
- Golden Currant (L)
- Japanese Barberry (L)
**Medium Deciduous Shrubs (cont.)**
- Mentor Barberry(L)
- Mockorange(L)
- Meyer’s Lilac(L) (also sold as Korean Lilac)
- Red Chokeberry(P)
- Redosier Dogwood
- Landscape, Shrub & Species Roses (various cultivars)
- Siberian Dogwood (often sold as Redtwigged)
- Snowmound Spirea(L)
- Spreading Cotoneaster(L)

**Small Deciduous Shrubs (under 4’)**
- Alpine Currant(L)
- Bluemist(L) (also sold as Bluemist Spirea)
- Bumald Spirea(L) (ie. ‘Anthony Waterer’ or ‘Froebel’)
- Chenault Coralberry(L)
- Cranberry Cotoneaster
- Crimson Pygmy Barberry(L)
- Gro Low Sumac(L)
- Indiancurrant Coralberry(L)
- Japanese Flowering Quince(L)
- Kobold Barberry(L)
- Landscape, Shrub & Species Roses (various cultivars)
- Russian Sage(L)
- Snowberry(L)
- Saint Johnswort(L)
- ‘Tom Thumb’ Cotoneaster

**Evergreen Trees**
- Black Hills Spruce(L)
- Colorado Blue Spruce(P)
- Eastern Red Cedar(L)
- Junipers(L) (avoid J. scopulorum cultivars)
- Ponderosa Pine(L)

**Large Evergreen Shrubs (over 8’)**
- Junipers(L) (avoid J. scopulorum cultivars)

**Medium Evergreen Shrubs (4 to 8’)**
- Firethorn(P) (Pyracantha)
- Junipers(L)
- Mahonia(P)
- Manhattan Euonymus(P)
- Yews(P)

**Small Evergreen Shrubs (under 4’)**
- Compact Mahonia(P)
- Junipers(L)
- ‘William Penn’ Barberry(P)
- Euonymus(P) (various cultivars)