



INVASIVE TREES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The following non-native tree species have been assessed by the BC Ministry of Forests' Invasive Plant Program and the BC Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group and confirmed as either invasive or potential species of concern* to British Columbia. These tree species may spread quickly and threaten environmental, social, cultural and/or economic values.

While none of the following species are currently Provincially regulated, planting, selling, or trading of these species is strongly discouraged and removal where possible is recommended. Potential replacement species to plant instead of a few of the trees listed below can be found in the [Grow Me Instead Guide \(https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/plantwise/grow-me-instead/\)](https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/plantwise/grow-me-instead/). Sightings of these tree species can be reported to the Province via the options listed at gov.bc.ca/invasive-species.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Princess tree or Royal Paulownia	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>
Tamarisk	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>
Russian olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Black cherry*	<i>Prunus serotina</i>
Norway maple*	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Chinaberry*	<i>Melia azedarach</i>
White poplar*	<i>Populus alba</i>
Golden chain tree*	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>
Japanese raisin tree*	<i>Hovenia dulcis</i>
Cherry-laurel*	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Cluster pine or Maritime pine*	<i>Pinus pinaster Aiton</i>
American elm*	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
English or Common elm*	<i>Ulmus procera</i>
Common hawthorn*	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Wych or Scots Elm*	<i>Ulmus glabra</i>
Golden Willow*	<i>Salix alba 'Vitellina'</i>
Chinese Elm*	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>

*Risk Review in progress

NOTE: This list will be updated as additional information becomes available and/or as further risk assessments and extent surveys are completed. For more information contact:

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