



Species Information for  
**Saturday Species List**

# RESOURCES

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Planting Resources: <https://www.treesforhouston.org/resources>

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Trees For Houston's goal is to plant, promote, and protect Houston! Some ways we do so is through tree giveaways, plantings, and events! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, please direct them to [Bailey@treesforhouston.org](mailto:Bailey@treesforhouston.org)

# BOTTLEBRUSH

*Callistemon rigidus*

Height: ~10-25 ft

Conditions: Full sun preferred

Comments: Bushy fast growing shrub-like tree with red “Bottle Brush” looking flowers. Tree requires little maintenance once grown



# CHERRY LAUREL

*Prunus caroliniana*

Height: ~10-20 ft

Conditions: Full to partial sun preferred

Comments: Showy, dense, fast growing evergreen shrub or small tree. Small white seasonal flowers. Requires deep soil and grows 1.5 ft per year.

Note: Cherry Laurel is not edible



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# ELDERBERRY

*Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis*

Height: ~12 ft

Growth: Fast grower

Conditions: Full sun if watered well

Comments: Shrub like tree that prefers moist but well drained soils.

Lifespan: 80-100 years

Fun Fact: The purple-black fruit is often used to make pies, jullies, wine, etc. Indigenous people used these fruit for medicinal purposes.



# LIVE OAK

*Quercus virginiana*

Height: ~50 ft

Conditions: Full sun preferred

Comments: Beautiful and popular shade tree in the Houston area. Wildlife love this tree!

Fun Fact: This tree is nearly evergreen shedding its leaves for only a few weeks every year



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