

Dwarf Plants that grow well in Nevada

Japanese Maple

There are hundreds of Japanese maple (*Acer palmatum*) options with many dwarf varieties.

"Some have an upright habit, such as 'Red Dragon,' and others have a more weeping habit, such as 'Waterfall,' . "The dwarf forms are slow growing, and all stay around 10 feet tall and wide or smaller." Choose an area in your yard that has full sun. If you live in a region with high temperatures, you may want to provide some afternoon shade.



Zones: 5 to 9, Mature size: 6 to 10 feet tall x 6 to 12 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun to partial shade; well-draining soil

Dwarf River Birch

The 'Little King' variety has beautiful yellow leaves in the fall. This variety is "tolerant of wet clay soils [and is an] incredibly adaptable tree that will tolerate a range of conditions and can thrive in full sun to part shade.

Zones: 4 to 9, Mature size: 8 to 10 feet tall x 9 to 12 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun to partial shade; well-draining soil.



Fig Tree

If you're thinking of growing a fruit tree, consider a dwarf fig tree (*Ficus carica*). The 'Chicago Hardy' variety, which thrives in full sun and well-drained soil is recommended. You can also plant this variety in a tall container if you're short on space. These trees can handle colder weather but make sure to mulch in fall to protect the roots.



Zones: 6 to 10, Mature size: 10 to 15 feet tall x 9 to 12 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun to partial shade; well-draining soil

Dwarf Magnolia

Magnolia trees (*Magnolia*) can be much smaller than you might think. "While most gardeners think of native magnolias as large majestic trees, there are several dwarf selections that fit well in a small space garden. Recommend the variety called Jane. "It stays below 12 feet tall after 10 years of growth with showy purple flowers that repeat bloom," he says. Another option recommended is the variety 'Little Gem,' which is a good Southern dwarf magnolia with white flowers and evergreen leaves, he says.



Zones: 4 to 8, Mature size: 10 to 15 feet tall x 8 to 12 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun to partial shade; well-draining soil

Dwarf Everbearing Mulberry

Another fruit-bearing dwarf tree to consider in your garden is the everbearing mulberry (*Morus nigra*). "Dwarf mulberries are fast-growing trees that produce a long, dark fruit that tastes like a cross between a blackberry and a raspberry. They are one of the oldest cultivated fruits grown in ancient times by the Greeks and Romans." Dwarf everbearing mulberry varieties can be grown in containers as well.



Zones: 5 to 10, Mature size: 6 to 10 feet tall x 6 to 8 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun; well-draining soil

Seven-Son Tree

With beautiful flowers in the summer and peeling bark in the winter, the seven-son tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*) is striking year-round. "It produces clusters of fragrant, white or red flowers in late summer and fall on a birch-like shaped tree," "It's a favorite of butterflies."

Zones: 5 to 9, Mature size: 10 to 20 feet tall x 8 to 10 feet wide, Care requirements: Full sun or partial shade; well-draining soil



Thuja

The cultivar Thuja Fluffy is a North American native tree and is resistant to windburn, making it an excellent choice for borders, Grow in moist, well-drained soil and choose an area that has full sun to partial shade.

Zones: 5 to 8, Mature Size: Up to 10 feet tall x up to 5 feet wide
Care requirements: Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil



Weeping Redbud

Weeping redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) produces tiny pink-hued blooms in the spring, and 'Pink Heartbreaker' is a dwarf cultivar of this favorite tree. "Bower & Branch introduced 'Pink Heartbreaker' about 15 years ago, and the original discovered plant is still only 7 feet tall and about 15 feet wide. "These trees are more hardy than regular redbuds [and] are a great focal point, patio tree, or window tree!"



Zones: 4 to 9, Mature size: Up to 10 feet tall x 8 to 15 feet wide, Care requirements: Partial shade to full sun; well-draining soil