

What trees grow well near a patio or driveway?

### **Medium to Small Deciduous Trees (15–30 ft)**

#### **1. Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*)**

- Mature size: ~15–25 ft tall & wide
- Spring bloom of white/pink flowers; strong fall color
- Compact form ideal near patios or driveways  
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#### **2. Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)**

- About 20–30 ft tall; vase-shaped habit
- Pink spring blossoms (buds appear before leaves), yellow fall foliage
- Perfect specimen or edge planting [independenttree.com+1unilock.com+1](#)

#### **3. Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis* 'Autumn Brilliance')**

- Grows ~15–25 ft tall
- White spring blooms, summer berries for birds, red-orange fall color
- Compact, multi-season appeal  
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#### **4. Dwarf Crabapple (*Malus* spp.)**

- Typically 10–20 ft tall
- Showy spring flowers and winter berries that attract birds
- Many disease-resistant, ornamental cultivars  
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#### **5. Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*)**

- Small size: 6–20 ft depending on cultivar
- Distinct foliage color and striking form
- Ideal near patios; some need wind protection  
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#### 6. Pink Weeping Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella* ‘Pendula’ or similar)

- Height ~20–30 ft; graceful pendulous branches
- Early spring cascades of pink blooms; orange fall foliage
- Great focal point near patios [turfscapetohio.comwalterreeves.com](#)

#### 7. Chinese Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus retusus*)

- Grows ~12–20 ft tall, slow-growing and small-rooted
- Fragrant white fringe-like spring flowers; drought-tolerant once established
- Low maintenance and patio-friendly  
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### Larger Shade Trees (Provide Shade, but Root Considerations)

#### 8. River Birch (*Betula nigra*)

- Grows 40–70 ft tall
- Peeling cinnamon bark, tolerant of wet soils
- Root system less aggressive than maples  
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#### 9. Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

- 40–60 ft tall with brilliant red/orange fall color

- Moderately fast grower; best set back properly from hardscape  
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## Native and Tough Trees for Structure & Interest

### 10. American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

- Slow-growing to ~20–30 ft tall
- Attractive fall colors; thrives in shade or partial sun; non-invasive roots [bhg.com](#)

### 11. Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

- Large tree (70–90 ft) but shade and elegant form; plant only with ample space  
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