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Columnar Plants

Smaller yards, tightly packed houses and the ever present need for privacy call for narrow plant solutions! Here are a slew of options, from soft textured grasses to conifers to deciduous trees with beautiful fall color. Speed of growth, ultimate mature size and habit (overall shape and angle/density of branching) can vary considerably depending on microclimate, soil type, sun (plus wind and cold) exposure, fertilizing, watering and pruning. And remember - it is possible to control/limit the width of a plant (particularly shrubs) and still maintain a natural shape without overly compromising the structural integrity of the plant, like when topping or hedging, with a light annual pruning of side shoots towards the base/bottom of trunk.

* denotes deer resistance

Botanical Name	Common Name	Comments
Grasses *sizing includes inflorescence		
Calamagrostis 'El Dorado'	El Dorado Feather Reed Grass	4-5' H x 2' W, gold variegated, p.sun-sun *
Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'	Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	5-6' H x 2' W, p.sun-sun, breaks dormancy in Feb! *
Calamagrostis 'Overdam'	Overdam Feather Reed Grass	4-5' H x 2' W, white variegated, p.sun-sun *
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	Heavy Metal Switch Grass	4-5' H x 2' W, blue w/gold fall color, delicate seed heads, wildlife *
Panicum v. 'Northwind'	Northwind Switch Grass	6-7' H x 3' W, blue/green w/gold fall color, stiffly vase shaped *
Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'	Standing Ovation Little Bluestem	3-4' H x 18-24" W, blue w/burgundy highlights, red/purple fall color, very hardy, holds up well in winter, good for wildlife *
Shrubs and Dwarf Trees UNDER 10'		
Berberis thunbergii 'Helmond Pillar'	Helmond Pillar Barberry	6' H x 2' W, deep purple, buttery yellow flowers, thorns *
Berberis t. 'Orange Rocket'	Orange Rocket Barberry	4-5 ' H x 2-3' W, emerges vivid orangey-red, pale yellow flowers, thorns *
Buxus 'Graham Blandy'	Graham Blandy American Boxwood	8-10' H x 2' W, dense, tolerates varied sun-shade *
Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Fastigiata'	Fastigiate Japanese Plum Yew	8-10' H x 3-5' W, deep green, coarse texture, tolerates full shade *
Cephalotaxus h.'Korean Gold'	Golden Japanese Plum Yew	6-10' H x 3-4' W, golden new growth, shade *
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Ellwoods Pillar'	Ellwoods Pillar Lawsons Cypress	3-5' H x 12-15" W dense blue foliage, p.sun-shade
Chamaecyparis l. 'Snow White'	Snow White Port Orford Cedar/Lawsons Cypress	5-8' H x 18-24" W, blue foliage, p.sun-shade
Fatshedera lizei 'Angyo Star'	Angyo Star Tree Ivy	5-6' H x 2-3' W, creamy variegation, takes full and dry shade *
Ilex crenata 'Sky Pencil'	Columnar Japanese Holly	5-6' H x 18-24" W, glossy dark green, sun to shade

Malus 'Golden Sentinel' & 'Scarlet Sentinel' etc	Columnar Apple	8-10' H x 18-24" W, needs another apple to pollinate, dwarf rootstock
Rhamnus frangula 'Ron Williams'	Fine Line Buckthorn	5-7' H x 2-3' W, dense, wispy texture, seedless, gold fall color
Taxus x media 'Beanpole'	Beanpole Yew	6-10' H x 1' W, red berries (toxic), p.sun - shade
Shrubs and Trees *OVER* 10' **sizing generally reflects 10-20+ year estimates		
Abies concolor 'Blue Cloak'	Blue Cloak White Fir	10-15' H x 4' W, very blue, touchable, pendulous branches *
Acer palmatum 'Shishigashira'	Lions Head Japanese Maple	8-15' H x 6-8' W, crinkled green leaves, quite dense, slow, golden-orange/red fall
Acer palmatum 'Skeeters Broom'	Skeeters Broom Dwarf Japanese Maple	6-8' H x 3-4' W, burgundy foliage, holds color well in summer & shade
Acer platinoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Crimson Sentry Norway Maple	25' H x 15' W, burgundy foliage, gold in fall, p.sun
Acer rubrum 'Armstrong' and 'Armstrong Gold'	Armstrong Columnar Red Maple	45' H x 15' W, gold-orange/red fall color
Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'	Bowhall Columnar Red Maple	40' H x 15' W, uniform habit, gold-orange/red in fall
Acer saccharum 'Apollo'	Apollo Sugar Maple	30' H x 10' W, dense, big leaves, gold-red in fall
Betula platyphylla 'Fargo'	Dakota Pinnalce Birch	40' H x 15' W, white bark, gold fall color
Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'	Frans Fontaine Hornbeam	35' H x 15' W, small foliage, low branched
Cedrus atlantica glauca 'Fastigiata'	Columnar Blue Atlas Cedar	25-35' H x 12-15' W, blue, more stiff/dense than species *
Cedrus deodara 'Karl Fuchs'	Karl Fuchs Himalayan Cedar	15-30' H x 6-10' W, super hardy, thin/wispy, layered, pendulous branches *
Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Gracilis'	Slender Hinoki False Cypress	8-15' H x 4-6' W, tiered/sculptural branching, p.sun-shade
Chionanthus retusus 'Tokyo Tower'	Tokyo Tower Chinese Fringe Tree	20' H x 10' W, slow, peeling bark, fringy white blooms late spring, blue fruit, gold in fall
Cupressus arizonica v. glabra 'Chaparral'	Chaparral Arizona Cypress	10-12' H x 4-6' W, sage green, SW native, SUN, xeric
Cupressus arizonica v. glabra 'Sulphurea'	Yellow Arizona Cypress	15' H x 4-6' W, golden tips, FULL sun, little-no water once established
Cupressus macrocarpa 'Wilma Goldcrest'	Wilma Goldcrest Monterey Cypress	10-15' H x 2-3' W, lemon scented gold-lime green foliage, protected spots are best, sun-shade *
Cupressus sempervirens 'Compacta'	Dwarf Italian Cyrpress	20-25' H x 3' W, slow growing dwarf
Cupressus s. 'Glauca'	Blue Italian Cypress	30'+ H x 3' W, blue/green foliage
Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'	Princetone Sentry Gingko	40' H x 15' W, seedless male, gold in fall, unique leaf *
Juniperus scopulorum 'Blue Arrow'	Blue Arrow Rocky Mountain Juniper	12-15' H x 2' W, improved blue form, more uniform and tight *
Juniperus scopulorum 'Sky Rocket'	Sky Rocket Rocky Mountain Juniper	15-20' H x 3' W, blue/green, drought/heat tolerant *

Liriodendron tulipifera 'Fastigiata'	Fastigiate Tulip Tree	50' H x 15' W, fast, golden/orange/green cup shaped flowers late spring, great for pollinators, golden fall color, tulip leaf shape
Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	Dwarf Southern Magnolia	15-20' H x 7-10' W, evergreen w/fuzzy brown indumentum, compact habit, fragrant ivory flowers, low branched *
Parrotia persica 'Persian Spire'	Persian Spire Persian Ironwood	25' H x 10' W, purple margins on new growth, dense, low branching, rainbow fall color, p.sun-sun
Parrotia p. 'Vanessa'	Vanessa Persian Ironwood	28' H x 14' W, narrow vase shape, slow, orange/red fall color
Picea pungens glauca 'Blue Totem'	Blue Totem Blue Spruce	12-15' H x 2-3' W, dwarf, very blue, dense *
Picea p.g. 'Fastigiata'	Fastigiate Blue Spruce	15-20' H x 4-5' W, consistant blue color, slow *
Pinus cembra 'Glauca Nana'	Dwarf Swiss Stone Pine	8-10' H x 4-6' W, soft blue/green needles, p.sun *
Pinus nigra 'Frank's Columnar'	Franks Columnar Austrian Pine	10' H x 2-4' W, slow, very tight/dense, shorter needles than species *
Pinus n. 'Green Tower'	Green Tower Austrian Pine	10-15' H x 2-3' W, bright green, long neeedles *
Pinus parviflora'Cleary'	Cleary Japanese White Pine	10-15' H x 3-6' W, soft, short blue/green needles, tiered branching, fancy pinecone clusters *
Pinus sylvestris 'Fastigiata'	Fastigiate Scotch Pine	20-25' H x 6-8' W, fast, blue/green needles, reddish bark *
Podocarpus macrophyllus 'Maki'	Shrubby Japanese Yew	8-15' H x 4-5' W, loose/pendulous w/out pruning, protected sites reccomended, p.sun-shade
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	30-40' H x 15' W, light grey suede-like bark, fluttering leaves, gold in fall, WILL colonize, likes water
Populus t. 'Summer Shimmer'	Summer Shimmer Aspen	30-40' H x 15' W, disease resistant w/clean, larger summer foliage, vigorous, but less likely to sucker/colonize, gold in fall
Populus tremula 'Erecta'	Swedish Columnar Aspen	40' H x 10' W, Euro species, seedless, less prone to suckering, gold-rusty orange in fall
Prunus x cerasifera 'Crimson Pointe'	Crimson Pointe Flowering Plum	25' H x 10' W, burgundy foliage, pink buds/white blooms spring, 1" red fruits, fast, reddish fall color
Prunus serrulata 'Amanogawa'	Amanogawa Japanese Flowering Cherry	20' H x 6' W, semi-double pale pink flowers spring, bronze in fall
Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'	Chanticleer Flowering Pear	40' H x 15' W, tolerates clay, fireblight resistant, white spring blooms, mini asian pear-like fruit clusters, rusty-red fall color
Rhamnus frangula 'Columnaris'	Tallhedge Buckthorn	12-15' H x 3-4' W, tiny black berries, gold fall color, pollinators/birds!
Quercus 'Crimson Spire'	Crimson Spire Oak	45' H x 15' W, dense, low branching, rusty-red fall color, holds leaves
Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'	Skyrocket English Oak	45' H x 15' W, dense, low branching, great windbreak, wildlife

Styrax japonica 'Evening Light'	Evening Light Japanese Snowbell	15' H x 10' W, dark purple foliage, white flowers late spring, grey/green berries, p.sun
Taxus baccata 'Stricta'	Irish Yew	10-20' H x 3-5' W, p.sun-shade, red berries, larger needles, p.sun
Taxus x media 'Hicksii'	Hicks Yew	10-20' H x 3-6' W, often kept shorter, red berries (toxic), p.sun-shade
Taxus x media 'H.M. Eddie'	H.M. Eddie Yew	10-15' H x 3-4' W, fruitless, p.sun-shade
Thuja plicata 'Atrovirens'	Atrovirens Western Red Cedar	25-30' H x 4-8' W, coastal native, p.sun-sun, tolerates wet soils, bronzes up in colder months
Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd'	Emerald Green Arborvitae	15' H x 3-4' W, p.sun, very dense, sensitive to heavy soils/wet
Zelkova serrata 'Musashino'	Musashino Japanese Elm	45' H x 15' W, very dense/upright branching, yellow fall color