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Planting trees is an effective strategy for improving and maintaining biodiversity, but some trees offer more benefits than others. 🌳

Find out why planting native trees is so important for [#biodiversity](#) in this infographic from [Green Yatra](#) 📌

## Native vs Non Native Trees

### Native Trees

#### Creates Beauty and are Low Maintenance

Native plants generally require little maintenance, offer beautiful flowers, produce abundant colorful fruits and seeds and brilliant seasonal changes in colors from the pale, thin greens of early spring, to the vibrant yellows and reds of autumn.

#### Creates Healthy Places for People

By choosing native plants for your landscaping, you are creating a healthier place for yourself, your family, and your community.

#### Helps the Climate

Native trees help fight climate change. Through the natural process of photosynthesis, trees absorb CO2 and other pollutants particulates, then store the carbon and emit pure oxygen.

#### Conserves Water

It protects groundwater quality and helps maintain high water levels. Root systems take up nitrogen and phosphorus.

#### Attracts Biodiversity

In addition to providing vital habitat for birds, many other species of wildlife benefits as well. The colorful array of butterflies and moths, including the iconic monarch, the swallowtails, tortoiseshells, and beautiful blues, are all dependent on very specific native plant species.

### Non Native Trees

#### High Maintenance

The non-native tree is not always available they require more water and more work keeping them alive.

#### Do Not Attract Biodiversity

They do not attract butterflies and wildlife in the area of non native trees.

#### Change Ecosystems

Change ecosystems and habitats and have non-biotic effects, such as reducing or impeding water flow leading to flooding, or changing the pH or the chemical composition of the soil, or lock up nutrients.

#### Less Environmental Benefit

The non-native plants tend to be a bit worse for the local environments. Just as some are more resistant to local diseases, so too are some more prone to them or bring disease that affects native plants.

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