


Ann-Marie Powell - [@ann_mariepowell](#)


Landscape designer Ann-Marie Powell shares lively insights into the work of a top studio, as well as her travels around the garden world. With a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show coming up in 2024, she's one to watch for behind the scenes.






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Choosing climate resilient trees for our RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 garden was vital to me - both to honour Octavia Hill's passion for nature preservation and also to showcase trees that can withstand our increasingly extreme weather conditions.

Like me, have you noticed changes in treescapes lately? Shockingly, only 7% of British native woodlands are in good condition, according to The Woodland Trust.

Whether native or non native, many of our trees have been weakened over time by drought, prolonged periods of rainfall, UV radiation, imported insects and diseases, and pollution.

So, I've selected unfamiliar yet resilient trees for our urban wildlife garden, trees which provide food, habitat and nesting sites for wildlife, shade, urban cooling and beautiful, social 'outdoor sitting rooms' for our gardens imagined urban community.

A recent visit to [@HortusLoci](#) to commune with my selections gave me confidence that I've made the right choice. Sitting amongst the footballs, I felt connected to Octavia's pioneering spirit and passion for nature preservation and I hope that if she were alive today that she'd approve.

I'll provide more details about my selected tree varieties closer to the show.

That is if you're interested in learning more? DO let me know in the comments below!

P.S. THANK YOU Dawid for blowing me a kiss from your Manitou!

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