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tree. A woody plant of medium to tall maximum height, with generally one relatively massive trunk at the base. (see shrub) (example, *Juniperus occidentalis*)

shrub. 1. A woody plant of relatively short maximum height.
2. A woody plant much-branched from the base. (see tree, subshrub)

Hortus Third.

Tree. A woody plant that produces one main trunk and a more or less distinct and elevated crown.

Shrub. A woody plant that remains relatively low and produces shoots or trunks from the base, not treelike or with a single trunk; a descriptive term not subject to strict circumscription.

The Hillier Manual of Trees & Shrubs

Tree—A woody plant that produces normally a single trunk and an elevated head of branches

Shrub—A woody plant which branches from the base with no obvious trunk