

Smithsonian Associates, June 2022
United States Capitol Grounds & Arboretum Tree Tour,
with Melanie Choukas-Bradley, Author of *City of Trees*,
Finding Solace at Theodore Roosevelt Island & A Year in Rock Creek Park

Selected Species List

Common Name	Scientific Name	Official State Tree	City of Trees	Book Page
Ash, Green	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>			p. 362
Ash, White	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>			p. 361
Bald-Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	LA		p. 132
Beech, American	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>			p. 218
Buckeye, Sweet (or Yellow)	<i>Aesculus flava</i> (<i>Aesculus octandra</i>)			p. 346
Catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i> spp.			pp.372-376
Cedar, Deodar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>			p. 117-19
Cedar of Lebanon	<i>Cedrus libani</i> (national emblem of Lebanon)			p. 117-120
Cedrela (Chinese Toon)	<i>Cedrela sinensis</i> (<i>Toona sinensis</i>)		(Olmsted replacement tree)	p. 319
Chinese Fir (China-Fir)	<i>Cunninghamia lanceolata</i>			p. 135
Christmas Berry (Oriental Photinia)	<i>Photinia villosa</i>			
Crape-Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>			p. 312
Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>			p. 134
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	MO NC (flower)	VA (tr. & fl.)	p. 349
Dogwood, Kousa	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	(Lady Bird Johnson tree)		p. 351
Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry	<i>Cornus mas</i>			p. 352
Elms, American and others	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	MA ND	<i>and other spp.</i>	p. 198
Fringe-Tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>			p. 365
Giant Sequoia	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	CA (1920 memorial tree; tree planted by Cherokee Nation, 1960s)		p. 34, 136
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>			p. 103
Golden-Rain-Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	(tree planted in 2005 for Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Winner from Kenya)		p. 340
Holly, American	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	DE		p. 357
Hornbeam, European	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>			p. 254
Horse-Chestnut, Common	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	(Anne Frank memorial tree)		p. 343
Japanese Flowering Cherries	<i>Prunus</i> spp.			p. 284
Japanese Flowering Crabapples	<i>Malus</i> spp.	(Memorial trees for five Sullivan brothers from Waterloo, Iowa whose ship went down during World War II)		p. 34, 290
Japanese Pagoda Tree	<i>Sophora japonica</i> (<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>)			p. 310
Japanese Stewartia	<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>			p. 264
Jujube, Common	<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i>			p. 360
Katsura-Tree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>			p. 189
Kentucky Coffee-Tree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	KY (formerly)		p. 306
Lindens	<i>Tilia</i> spp.			p. 275
London Plane Tree	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>			p. 193
Magnolia, Bigleaf	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>			p. 174

Magnolia, Cucumber	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	p. 172
Magnolia, Saucer	<i>Magnolia x soulangeana</i>	p. 178
Magnolia, Southern	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> MS	p. 169
Magnolia, Star	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	p. 176
Magnolia, Sweetbay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	p. 171
Magnolia, Umbrella	<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	p. 173
Maple, Amur	<i>Acer ginnala</i>	p. 334
Maple, Hedge or Field	<i>Acer campestre</i>	p. 332
Maple, Japanese	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	p. 337
Maple, Norway	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	p. 330
Maple, Red	<i>Acer rubrum</i> RI	p. 324
Maple, Silver	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	p. 326
Maple, Sugar	<i>Acer saccharum</i> NY, VT, WV, WI	p. 321
Oak, Basket (or Swamp Chestnut)	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	p. 232
Oak, Bur (or Mossycup)	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	p. 227
Oak, Chestnut	<i>Quercus montana</i> (<i>Quercus prinus</i>)	p. 231
Oak, Cornish (or Sessile)	<i>Quercus patraea</i> (national tree of Ireland)	
Oak, English	<i>Quercus robur</i>	p. 235
Oak, Northern Red	<i>Quercus rubra</i> (<i>Q. borealis</i>) NJ	p. 238
Oak, Pin	<i>Quercus palustris</i> (1913, 2012 memorial trees)	p. 242
Oak, Shingle	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i> (at USBG)	p. 246
Oak, Southern Live	<i>Quercus virginiana</i> GA (Auburn U. memorial tree)	p.233
Oak, Swamp Chestnut or Basket	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	p. 232
Oak, Swamp White	<i>Quercus bicolor</i> (September 11 th commemorative tree)	p. 230
Oak, White	<i>Quercus alba</i> CT, IL, MD (Speaker Sam Rayburn Oak)	p. 34, 224
Oak, Willow	<i>Quercus phellos</i> (Thomas Jefferson favorite)	p. 244
Osage-Orange	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	p. 216
Osmanthus (Holly Tea Olive)	<i>Osmanthus heterophyllus</i>	p. 365
Paulownia (Princess Tree)	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	p. 369
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i> TX (1918 memorial tree)	p. 260
Pine, Eastern White	<i>Pinus strobus</i> ME, MI	p. 106
Silverbell	<i>Halesia tetraptera</i> (<i>H. carolina</i>)	p. 273
Sycamore, American	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> (Emmett Till memorial tree)	p. 196
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> (Alexander Hamilton favorite)	p. 190
Tulip-Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> IN, KY, TN	p. 183
Walnut, Black	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	p. 261
Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> (<i>C. lutea</i>)	p. 303
Yew, Common or English	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	p. 144
Zelkova, Japanese	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	p. 209

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Resources

Books

City of Trees: The Complete Field Guide to the Trees of Washington, D.C. by Melanie Choukas-Bradley with illustrations by Polly Alexander (University of Virginia Press)

(Available at Politics & Prose with Smithsonian Associates discount)

The Sibley Guide to Trees written and illustrated by David Allen Sibley

Website

<https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildings-grounds/capitol-building/capitol-grounds/trees>

The Architect of the Capitol's Office administers the Capitol Grounds which are officially a Level III Arboretum. 890 trees surround the Capitol building, including 65 dating to Frederick Law Olmsted's original design and plantings of the 1870s and 80s. Explore this site to learn more about the history of the grounds and the trees, many of which are memorial trees.

(See Page Two for Olmsted's 1874 design map of the grounds)

Frederick Law Olmsted's 1874 Design of the Capitol Grounds

