## NORTH BALLARD TREE WALK



## Thank you for participating in this Tree Walk!

Trees for Seattle, a program of the City of Seattle, is dedicated to growing and maintaining healthy, awe-inspiring trees in Seattle. Trees build strong communities by:

- ✓ Making our streets friendlier places to walk and bike
- ✓ Soaking up rainwater to keep our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound clean
- ✓ Calming traffic, helping to avoid accidents
- ✓ Cleaning our air, making it easier to breathe
- ✓ And much more!

Seattle's urban forest depends on you! 2/3 of Seattle's trees are planted around homes and maintained by residents. Without those trees, Seattle would be a sad place. Working together, we can have an urban forest that is healthy and growing.

## You can get involved in many ways:

- Attend a Tree Walk: We host free monthly tours of the unique and beautiful trees in neighborhoods across Seattle. Self-guided versions are also available on our website.
- ➤ <u>Volunteer:</u> Our volunteers lead Tree Walks with friends and neighbors and participate in fun events like Tree Stewardship work parties to help keep trees healthy and thriving. You can commit for an hour or a lifetime. Everyone is welcome.
- Plant a Tree: Our Trees for Neighborhoods project supports Seattle residents in planting trees around their homes by providing support, free trees, and workshops.

For more information on our work and how you can get involved:

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## **North Ballard Tree Walk**

Get to know the names and a bit about the trees you see every day.

Start at Larsen's Bakery on 24<sup>th</sup> NW and NW 80th

Tree Number & Common name Botanical name Address & directions	Tree Descriptions Notes	Photos
1. Sitka spruce Picea sitchensis  8012 Jones NW Front yard  Walk east on NW 80 <sup>th</sup> to Jones NW, cross Jones, walk north.	One of the World's largest trees, native to the pacific northwest. Distinguishable by its scale-like bark.	
2. Deodar cedar Cedrus deodara 8016 Jones NW Front yard Next door north.	Seattle has the most Deodars of all cities in the country. Deodars come from the Himalayas and can be identified by their upright barrel-shaped cones (which break up as they fall).	
3. European white birch Betula pendula  8002 Jones NW Front yard  Walk south on Jones to NW 80 <sup>th</sup> .	Also known as silver birch, with distinctive, drooping branches. Paper birch ( <i>Betula papyrifera</i> ) is similar, but has thinner, shredding, paperlike bark.	





**4. Turkish hazel** *Corylus colurna* 

8002 Jones NW Parking strip on NW 80th

Same house, look to parking strip on NW 80<sup>th</sup>. Distinguished by its "corky" bark and hard husks containing yummy hazelnuts. Nice selection for a parking strip tree.





**5. Copper beech** Fagus sylvatica purpurea

8011 23rd NW Front yard

Walk east on NW 80<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, turn north.

Check out this tree in early Spring, it glows, beginning golden and turning more purple through the summer. Beech trees can be identified by their trunks swelling at ground level which look like an elephant's foot. Also they have crunchy husks dropping in the Fall.





6. Alaska Yellow Cedar Xanthocyparis nootkarensis

7756 23rd NW Front yard

Walk south on 23<sup>rd</sup> to NW 80<sup>th</sup>, cross NW 80<sup>th</sup>, cross 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Beautiful weeping form, and it closely resembles the Leyland Cypress. The Yellow Cedar has been recently placed in the Cypress family.









7. Atlas cedar Cedrus atlantica 7712 23rd NW Front yard Continue south on 23 <sup>rd</sup> NW.	Similar to the Deodar, but blue-green in color and from North Africa. This is a gorgeous example dominating the front yard.	
8. Western hemlock & Douglas fir Tsuga heterophylla, Pseudotsuga menziesii  7701 23rd NW Back yard  Continue south on 23 <sup>rd</sup> to NW 77 <sup>th</sup> , cross street.	Two Northwest natives living side by side just like in the wild. Another Western Hemlock lives in this backyard and you can see its signature bent tip topping the tree. The "Doug" fir is known by its cones, little bracts. This back yard is full of conifers.	
9. English oak Quercus robur  7706 Jones NW Parking strip  Walk west on 77 <sup>th</sup> to Jones, turn right on Jones.	Common tree, but this is the Oak important to England. Closely resembles the White Oak. Leaves are rounded, and grow in clusters distinctive from Pin Oak.	





The shorter cousin of the tall 10. Cambridge Redwoods made for urban yards sporting great color redwood Sequoia and form. sempervirens cantab 7714 Jones NW Front yard Continue north on Jones NW. Seattle's most frequently 11. Pin oak appearing Oak. Called Pin Quercus Oak because it's slender in all palustris aspects including leaves and trunk. Leaf shows a single 7730 Jones NW tooth on its tip. Front yard Continue north on Jones NW. 12. European Many birch trees in Seattle White Birch are falling victim to the Betula Pendula bronze birch borer, a parasitic beetle that infects 7757 Jones Ave the upper canopy of the tree NW causing it to eventually die. Regular watering in the Head west on summer makes trees less 80<sup>th</sup> toward 25<sup>th</sup> susceptible to pests. This hybrid tree grows 13. Bastard naturally in a lollipop shape, service tree no pruning required. Better, healthier trees continue on Sorbus NW 80<sup>th</sup> to Earl. thuringiaca 2419 NW 80<sup>th</sup> Parking strip Turn right onto 25<sup>th</sup> Ave NW





14. Bigleaf maple Acer macrophyllum  8032 25th NW Parking strip  Continue north on 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave	One of Seattle's most popular maple, native to the pacific northwest, just hanging out on this parking strip. Bigleaf maples are easily identified by their huge leaves (up to one foot wide!) and V-shaped wings.	
15. English holly Ilex aquifolium  8042 25th NW Front yard.  Continue north on 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Since this Walk debuts in mid July, we offer this Holly: the tree of the Celtic Tree Calendar July 8 to August 4. Celtic lore valued the holly because its evergreen reminds us all year long of the immortality of Nature. Holly is invasive in natural areas but provide excellent wildlife habitat when contained in a yard.	
16. Silver maple Acer saccharinum  8070 25th NW Front yard  Continue north on 25 <sup>th</sup> to corner (NW 83 <sup>rd</sup> )	Sterling example of a neighborhood shade tree. This maple's wings are curiously absent.	





This tree features large 17. Princess purple flowers in Spring Tree before the huge leaves Paulownia emerge. It's in the Foxglove tomentosa family and sometimes called the Empress tree or Foxglove 8302 26<sup>th</sup> NW tree. Fast Grower. Front/side yard. Walk west on NW 83<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> NW, cross. Another great shade tree. Somewhat difficult to 18. Kimberly **European Ash** identify as there are no fruit Fraxinus or flowers. Larger examples are on the north side of NW excelsior 80<sup>th</sup> between 26<sup>th</sup> NW and kimberly Earl. 8072 27<sup>th</sup> NW Parking strip on NW 83rd Cross on 26th NW back to NW 83<sup>rd</sup>. 19. Western Important and popular **Red Cedar** Northwest tree and Thuja plicata frequently planted, growing large in Seattle yards. This 8061 27th NW tree is perhaps over 100 (In back alley) years old with an amazing trunk system. Head back to 83<sup>rd</sup> St and turn left





20. Japanese maple Acer palmatum  2752 NW 83 <sup>rd</sup> Front/side yard  Walk back to NW 83 <sup>rd</sup> , walk west to Earl, cross north.	Japanese maples are extremely popular in Seattle. This is an unusually large Japanese Maple, and it hasn't been pruned so we enjoy its natural form.	
21. American Elm Ulmus americana  8047 Earl NW (In back alley)  Cross NW 83 <sup>rd</sup> , walk west to alley, walk south in alley several houses.	From the property owner: Native to the eastern half of the United States. It had been decimated by the Dutch elm disease, but I wanted one, so I germinated a seed and this large tree, now 34 years old, is the result. I'm hoping its isolation will keep it healthy. The simple leaves are alternate.	
22. Many rare trees  8047 Earl NW (Front of house)  Walk south in alley to NW 80 <sup>th</sup> , walk east to Earl NW, walk north on Earl.	Additional trees seen from the front sidewalk include:  Hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniana) Ash (Fraxinus americana) Crimean Linden (Tilia x euchora) Yellowwood (Cladrastis kentukea)  (Viewable from main road and back alley; do not access private property w/out permission)	

Return to beginning of walk by continuing south on Earl back to NW 80<sup>th</sup>, proceed east to 24<sup>th</sup> NW. Enjoy the European Ashes on 80<sup>th</sup> (tree #18) and also check out a front yard of River Birches 8024 26<sup>th</sup> NW on your way back!



