

Woodland Park Zoo 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.

Volunteer: 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:

Visit: www.Seattle.gov/trees

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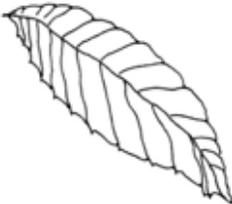
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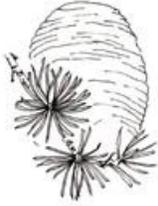
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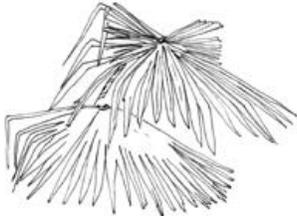
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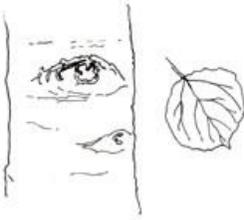
The diversity of trees in the Woodland Park Zoo.

Starting in front of the jaguar exhibit

Tree Number & Common name <i>Botanical name</i> Address	Tree Descriptions Notes	Photos
<p>1. Loquat Tree <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i></p> <p>Before you get to the jaguar exhibit.</p>	<p>Before you get to the jaguar exhibit, you can see me standing behind the Rain Forest Loop sign. Can you see the grooves in my leaves? These act like a slip n' slide for the rain.</p>	
<p>2. Bay Laurel <i>Laurus nobilis</i></p> <p>Before the entrance to the Jaguar Research Tent.</p>	<p>Find me before the entrance to the Jaguar Research Tent. I am the tall, skinny tree with pointy leaves like an arrowhead. Long ago, Olympic champions wore crowns made of my leaves</p>	
<p>3. Southern Magnolia <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i></p> <p>Above the red ruffed lemur sign.</p>	<p>Look above the red ruffed lemur sign, and you'll see me. I like to live in the swamp where my feet stay wet. Rain runs right off my large waxy leaves</p>	

<p>4. Umbrella Magnolia</p> <p><i>Magnolia tripetala</i></p> <p>Middle of the lemur viewing station.</p>	<p>Turn around and see me in the middle of the lemur viewing station. I'm a Magnolia too! I lose my leaves during the winter, but when I have them, they can be 2 feet LONG! They are so large, they are like an umbrella at the end of my branch</p>	
<p>5. Atlas Cedar</p> <p><i>Cedrus atantica</i></p> <p>Inside the Colobus monkey exhibit.</p>	<p>Find me inside the Colobus monkey exhibit where the monkeys can leap from my branches. I have short needles and two kinds of cones. Can you see a cone in my branches?</p>	
<p>6. European Beech</p> <p><i>Fagus sylvatica</i></p> <p>Along the walkway in the open grassy area.</p>	<p>Look for me and my friends along the walkway in the open grassy area. Together we make a grove. Our overlapping branches make it easy for animals to travel from tree to tree. My Beech</p>	
<p>7. Deodar Cedar</p> <p><i>Cedrus deodara</i></p> <p>In front of the Education Center. (Inside the South Entrance)</p>	<p>Find me, the giant tree, standing alone in front of the Education Center inside the South Entrance. My wood is strong and durable; I was used to build railroads in India. Have you met my cousin the Atlas Cedar yet?</p>	
<p>8. Sycamore</p> <p><i>Platanus sp.</i></p> <p>Along the path from the African Village towards the Savanna Grassland.</p>	<p>Find me along the path from the African Village towards the Savanna Grassland. Do you see my camouflage patterned bark? My friends and I are the tall trees that shade the pathway on sunny days</p>	

<p>9. Black Locust</p> <p><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i></p> <p>A few feet from the "Meet the Lion" sign. (Beside the viewing station fence)</p>	<p>I am standing a few feet from the "Meet the Lion" sign beside the viewing station fence. Tiny thorns protect my leaves from animals that want to nibble them, and thick bark protects me from wild savanna fires. Find my friends in the middle of the field inside the lion exhibit.</p>	
<p>10. London Plane</p> <p><i>Platanus x acerifolia</i></p> <p>Inside the Tropical Asia's Elephant Forest.</p>	<p>Walk into Tropical Asia's Elephant Forest, and keep an eye out for my knobby trunk. I am on the left side by the elephant viewing station. Look into my canopy to spy my fuzzy fruits. My cousin is the Sycamore, have you met yet?</p>	
<p>11. Tulip Tree (Canoe Tree)</p> <p><i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i></p> <p>Right side of the path, near the London Plane.</p>	<p>On the right side of the path near the London Plane Tree, you will find me and my friends. Search for my smooth trunk. On the East Coast of America, Native Americans used my trunk to make dugout canoes. Both my leaves and flowers are shaped like tulips.</p>	
<p>12. Chinese Windmill Palm</p> <p><i>Trachycarpus fortune</i></p> <p>In the Thai Village.</p>	<p>Find me in the Thai Village, on the edge of the field with lots of my friends. My leaves look like pointy fans. But watch out! I grow sharp thorns to protect my new leaves</p>	

<p>13. White Spruce</p> <p><i>Picea glauca</i></p> <p>Beside the walkway as you enter the Northern Trail.</p>	<p>You can see me and my short, square, spiky needles beside the walkway as you enter the Northern Trail. Can you see cones growing beneath my branches? If you touch them when they are ripe, they crinkle like paper</p>	
<p>14. Quaking Aspen</p> <p><i>Populus tremuloides</i></p> <p>In the wolf exhibit.</p>	<p>My pale bark friends and I are standing together in the wolf exhibit. We share the same roots. Can see you us watching you from the "eyes" on our trunks? I am a native to the Pacific Northwest.</p>	
<p>15. Alaska Cedar</p> <p><i>Callitropsis nootkatensis</i></p> <p>Close to the boardwalk.</p>	<p>You can see me and my friends down low, close to the boardwalk. Some people think we look like wizards with drapey sleeves. I am a native to the Pacific Northwest.</p>	
<p>16. Western Red Cedar</p> <p><i>Thuja plicata</i></p> <p>In the elk exhibit.</p>	<p>Look for the elk resting underneath my branches. We offer them protection from sun, rain and the eyes of hungry predators. I am a native to the Pacific Northwest.</p>	

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