

Pacific Madrona (died of natural causes)

Arbutus menziesii

On Arbor Day, April 14, 1999, this magnificent specimen of one of our most beautiful native trees, *Arbutus menziesii* was dedicated in Seattle's Ravenna neighborhood. Unfortunately, this tree has succumbed to disease and is slated for removal in 2004.

Introduced to cultivation in 1827, the madrone can be found from British Columbia to southern California. Early Spanish Californians first called this tree madrono, meaning "strawberry tree", because they recognized its resemblance to the strawberry madrone (*Arbutus unedo*) of their Mediterranean homeland.

A distinctive feature of this tree is its papery bark, which shreds off in ragged, crinkly strips and ranges in color from chartreuse on younger stems to reddish-brown on mature trees.



Owner: Barbara and Cameron DeVore
Address: 5740 – 27th Ave NE
Location: Parking Strip
Size: 11 feet circumference, 55 feet tall
Category: Specimen AA

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