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.

- **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:*

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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

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<th>Address &amp; directions</th>
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<td><strong>1. Sitka spruce</strong></td>
<td><em>Picea sitchensis</em></td>
<td>8012 Jones NW Front yard</td>
<td>Walk east on NW 80&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; to Jones NW, cross Jones, walk north.</td>
<td>One of the World’s largest trees, native to the pacific northwest. Distinguishable by its scale-like bark.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Deodar cedar</strong></td>
<td><em>Cedrus deodara</em></td>
<td>8016 Jones NW Front yard</td>
<td>Next door north.</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td><strong>3. European white birch</strong></td>
<td><em>Betula pendula</em></td>
<td>8002 Jones NW Front yard</td>
<td>Walk south on Jones to NW 80&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;.</td>
<td>Also known as silver birch, with distinctive, drooping branches. Paper birch (<em>Betula papyrifera</em>) is similar, but has thinner, shredding, paper-like bark.</td>
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| 4. **Turkish Hazel**  
*Corylus colurna*  
8002 Jones NW  
Parking strip on NW 80th  
Same house, look to parking strip on NW 80th.  
| 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 80th to 23rd, 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 23rd to NW 80th, cross NW 80th, cross 23rd.  
| Beautiful weeping form, and it closely resembles the Leyland Cypress. The Yellow Cedar has been recently placed in the Cypress family.  

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| **7. Atlas cedar**  
* Cedrus atlantica |
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| 7712 23rd NW  
Front yard |
| Continue south  
on 23rd 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 |
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| 7701 23rd NW  
Back yard |
| Continue south  
on 23rd to NW 77th, 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 |
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| 7706 Jones NW  
Parking strip |
| Walk west on  
77th 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. |
| **10. Cambridge redwood**  
*Sequoia sempervirens cantab*  
7714 Jones NW  
Front yard  
Continue north on Jones NW. | The shorter cousin of the tall Redwoods made for urban yards sporting great color and form. |
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| **11. Pin oak**  
*Quercus palustris*  
7730 Jones NW  
Front yard  
Continue north on Jones NW. | Seattle’s most frequently appearing Oak. Called Pin Oak because it’s slender in all aspects including leaves and trunk. Leaf shows a single tooth on its tip. |
| **12. European White Birch**  
*Betula Pendula*  
7757 Jones Ave NW  
Head west on 80th toward 25th | Many birch trees in Seattle are falling victim to the bronze birch borer, a parasitic beetle that infects the upper canopy of the tree causing it to eventually die. Regular watering in the summer makes trees less susceptible to pests. |
| **13. Bastard service tree**  
*Sorbus thuringiaca*  
2419 NW 80th  
Parking strip  
Turn right onto 25th Ave NW | This hybrid tree grows naturally in a lollipop shape, no pruning required. Better, healthier trees continue on NW 80th to Earl. |
| **14. Bigleaf maple**  
*Acer macrophyllum*  
8032 25th NW  
Parking strip  
Continue north on 25th 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. |
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| **15. English holly**  
*Ilex aquifolium*  
8042 25th NW  
Front yard.  
Continue north on 25th. | 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 25th to corner (NW 83rd) | Sterling example of a neighborhood shade tree. This maple’s wings are curiously absent. |
| **17. Princess Tree**  
*Paulownia tomentosa* | This tree features large purple flowers in Spring before the huge leaves emerge. It’s in the Foxglove family and sometimes called the Empress tree or Foxglove tree. Fast Grower. |
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| **18. Kimberly European Ash**  
*Fraxinus excelsior kimberly* | Another great shade tree. Somewhat difficult to identify as there are no fruit or flowers. Larger examples are on the north side of NW 80th between 26th NW and Earl. |
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| **19. Western Red Cedar**  
*Thuja plicata* | Important and popular Northwest tree and frequently planted, growing large in Seattle yards. This tree is perhaps over 100 years old with an amazing trunk system. |
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20. Japanese maple  
*Acer palmatum*  
2752 NW 83rd  
Front/side yard  

Walk back to NW 83rd, 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 83rd, 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 80th, 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)

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