



## Key to Trees in Crown Hill Tree Walk

- 1. Red Oak at Crown Hill Center:** Tree is at the SW corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup>. 55' tall. Several people nominated this tree as a favorite.
- 2. Ponderosa pine** – 9506 13<sup>th</sup>: In the back yard. At 80', not the tallest in CH, but it has the largest trunk, with a circumference of 11'6".
- 3. Two young madrones** - 9515 Mary: These are very healthy compared with most other Seattle madrones.
- 4. Noble fir** – 9521 Mary: This tree isn't doing so well. Compare this to the healthy one growing in more suitable conditions later in the tour. Noble firs are native to the Cascades & coastal mountains of OR/WA. They need more water than they normally get in Seattle yards. Note the Blue Colorado Spruce to the right at 9531.
- 5. Coast redwood grove** - 9610 Mary: 3 of 4 are on one property; 1 is across the street. These are at the SE end of a larger, kind of dispersed grove: one is to the NW on Mary, and two are in Swanson's.
- 6. Douglas fir** – 9627 Mary: We think this is the Douglas fir with the largest diameter in Crown Hill. Most of our houses here are built out of wood from this tree.
- 7. Scots pine** – 9702 Mary
- 8. English walnut** – 9722 Mary: 54.5' and very healthy. This is actually in the back yard of 9723 14<sup>th</sup>. This tree makes quite a racket when the walnuts are ripe and fall on the roof of the garage.
- 9-11: (9) Douglas fir, 97' tall; (10) Western hemlock, 85'; (11) Eastern hemlock, 49'**: Back yard of 10015 Mary. Walk up the alley to the north and compare these three trees from a distance. E. hemlocks are stouter, denser and less graceful and lush than our native W hemlock, and they have a duller hue. Take a mental picture: At the end of the tour we will see a very rare (for Seattle) Carolina hemlock, and a nice mountain hemlock can be found on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup>.
- 12. Siberian elm** - 10031 Mary: Multi-trunked
- 13. Purple leaf plums** – 10041 and -47 Mary: At least they were purple leaf plums—Possibly have reverted to the green leaf root stock on which it was grafted.
- 14. Gold twig willow** – 10052 Mary
- 15. Austrian pine** – 10052 Mary
- 16. Madrone** - 10306 Mary; A bit sickly
- 17. Japanese maple** – 10315 Mary: Spreading, multi-trunked, along the road
- 18-20: (18) Noble fir, 87.5; (19) White pine; (20) Scots Pine** 10327 14<sup>th</sup>: Noble: Very healthy, especially compared with the other larger specimens in CH. The ground around it is undisturbed. There could be some seepage because it appears to be getting plenty of water. At the time of the survey it had an incredible number of huge cones. Arthur predicted it would need to rest the next year (and not produce so many cones). White pine: At 101', we think this is the tallest of all the WP's we surveyed.
- 21. Alder:** At top of stairs on the 103<sup>rd</sup> dead end. This is the only alder we noticed during our survey. There were probably some in yards along the creeks which we were unable to see, and there are many in CH's numerous ravines.
- 22. Crabapple** – 10306 Mary: Looking at alder, it is behind you
- 23. Paul's Scarlett hawthorn** – Street trees from 103<sup>rd</sup> to 105<sup>th</sup>
- 24. Big leaf maple** - 10335 14<sup>th</sup>: Biggest trunk among maples in the survey.
- 25. Downey birch** - 10502 13<sup>th</sup>
- 26. Western Larch** - 1212 105<sup>th</sup>: In Arthur Lee Jacobson's *Trees of Seattle* (TOS). 51.5'
- 27. Western hemlock** – 10357 12<sup>th</sup>
- 28. Small tulip tree** – 10504 12<sup>th</sup>: Stop by this to get a close up view of the leaves. In a couple minutes you'll pass a much larger one, but you can only view it from a distance.
- 29. Norway spruce** – 10354 12<sup>th</sup>
- 30. Big tulip tree:** In back yard of 10332 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 31. Redwood** – 10323 12<sup>th</sup>: Strange tapered shape
- 32. Tree of Heaven** – 1118 103<sup>rd</sup>: A female
- 33. Grove of nice cedars** – 10034 13<sup>th</sup> (alley)
- 34. Irish Yew** – 10023 12<sup>th</sup> (alley)
- 35. Black walnut** 10023 12<sup>th</sup> (alley); Two trees
- 36. Weeping cherry** - 9725 12<sup>th</sup>: In TOS. If you were to buy at a nursery it would be grafted on a European cherry, which shortens its life span. It would be better to grow from the seed of this tree.
- 37. Pacific dogwood** – 1120 100th: SW corner of yard. These have two beautiful blooms. It has become rarer to find these natives. People tend to plant hybrids these days.
- 38. Grand fir** - 1303 100<sup>th</sup>: This is only a medium-sized specimen for Crown Hill, but you can reach the needles. Crush them – they have a tangerine odor.
- 39. Japanese angelica** – 10001 13<sup>th</sup>
- 40. Old orchard** - 9724 14<sup>th</sup>
- 41. Lawson cypress** - 9708 14<sup>th</sup>: Two different cultivars
- 42. Lombardy poplars** – 9628 14<sup>th</sup>: These three trees mark the spot where Ballard Tree used to be. There were five until only very recently.
- 43. Butternut Walnut** - 9530 14<sup>th</sup>: A WA State champion. At 81' tall, this tree can be found in Champion Trees of Washington State, as well as Trees of Seattle (the others listed in TOS are 64', 59', 39' and 46'). In the wild they are being wiped out by a disease.
- 44. Dawn redwood** – 9509 14<sup>th</sup>: Remarkable squat shape. Once thought extinct, this prehistoric tree normally grows straight up.
- 45. Mimosa or pink acacia** - 9244 13<sup>th</sup>: Some say the flowers smell like watermelon.
- 46. Carolina hemlock** – 9240 13<sup>th</sup>: This is the only known specimen in the entire City. This has much bigger cones than E and W hemlocks. Also note the elegant branch structure, which also sets this species apart.

## Tree Walk 1 Alternate Route

- A. Hybrid black poplar** – 1801 95<sup>th</sup>: Sometimes called Carolina poplar. A fairly rare tree for Seattle, Arthur Lee Jacobson says this is worth mentioning in his next version of Trees of Seattle (TOS). 95', 98', 100' and 102'.
- B. Stripebark maple** – 1808 95th: Listed in TOS
- C. Antarctic beech** – 1808 95th: Listed in TOS.
- D. Black walnut** – 1738 96<sup>th</sup>
- E. Orchard** – 1724 96<sup>th</sup>: The next few are all growing on the same property. The original property was much larger and included a sizeable orchard. The house at 1724 is the original farmhouse. Many of the orchard trees are still growing, although ailing. We have only identified those growing on two properties, but they are surely growing in neighboring back yards. The owner behind 1724 no longer has any orchard trees, but he tells a story of selling the fruit from the original pear tree at the U District farmer's market.
  - (e1) Horse chestnut**
  - (e2) Irish yew**
  - (e3) Filberts** – These youngsters can be found both east and west of the house. They are volunteers from the original orchard.
  - (e4) Gold twig willow** – This is an exemplary tree. At 49' feet tall and with a large trunk, this is pretty good sized for Seattle.
  - (e5) King apple**
  - (e6) Pear**
  - (e7) Cherry** – Perhaps on its last legs.
  - (e8) Italian plum** – In back yard of 1717 97<sup>th</sup>.
  - (e9) Apple** – Back yard of 1717 97<sup>th</sup>
- F. Birches** – 1526 16<sup>th</sup>: Pretty, larger specimens
- G. Kaki persimmon** – 9634 15<sup>th</sup>: Listed in TOS
- H. Redwoods** – Swanson's Nursery: Ted Swanson planted these around 50 years ago. When the area around them were paved their growth slowed markedly.
- I. Scots pine** – 1705 100<sup>th</sup>: This is a very pretty tree with sage-colored needles and bark with hues of orange and bluish-grey. Not only is this the largest of its kind in CH, but at 56' it also is taller than some of those listed in TOS.
- J. Grand fir in a great native grove** – 10008 Valmay: In a very small area is a very impressive collection of native trees: hemlocks, cedars, Douglas fir and Grand fir, as well as a yew of some kind. But just as the Super Friends had their Legion of Doom, so must these specimens fight against blackberry, morning glory and English ivy. The Grand firs grow at the west end. Among them is possibly the largest in CH.
- K. Western white pine** – 10044 12<sup>th</sup>: A nice one. You can see it right after viewing #32, the tree of heaven on 103<sup>rd</sup>.