Prospect Park
Commemorative Trees
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Trees
Acer rubrum

Red Maple

60’ tall and 25’–35’ spread

Large, round crowned tree. Male trees have small reddish-pink flowers and females have red samaras. Smooth, silvery bark provides winter interest. One of the first trees to show fall foliage, colors vary between brilliant reds, yellows, and oranges.
Acer saccharum

Sugar Maple

60'-80' tall and 35'-50' spread

Rounded, dense crown, with wide-spreading branches. Bark is smooth in youth and becomes shaggy with age. Striking red, yellow, and orange foliage in fall.
Betula nigra

River Birch

40’-50’ tall and 25’-35’ spread

Sometimes a multi-stemmed trunk with a narrow, pyramidal crown. Satiny, silver bark peels to reveal cinnamon-brown trunk underneath. In fall, the light-green leaves turn a pale yellow.
Celtis occidentalis

**Common Hackberry**

*45'-80' tall and 40'-50' spread*

Rounded crown, with drooping branches creates unique habits for every tree. The clusters of fruits, which vary from orange-brown to dark purple, are an important food source for birds. Light green foliage turns brown-yellow in autumn.
Liquidambar styraciflua
Sweetgum

60'-75' tall and 35'-50' spread

Round and spreading conical crown. Fruit is a spiky, wooden ball that persists throughout most of the year. Glossy star-shaped leaves turn a fantastic red, purple, yellow, and orange in fall.
Liriodendron tulipifera

**Tulip Tree**

80'-100' tall and 30'-50' spread

Very tall tree with a fairly narrow oval crown. Bark becomes deeply furrowed as the tree ages. Beautiful orange and yellow tulip-like flowers bloom in spring. Distinctively shaped foliage turns a glistening golden-yellow in autumn.
Magnolia acuminata

Cucumber Magnolia

60’-80’ tall and 35’-60’ spread

Large, round-topped crown with branches that droop to the ground. Small flowers are followed by a cucumber-like fruit that turns from green to red. The leaves can grow to 10” long and turn yellow in fall.
Nyssa sylvanica

Tupelo, Blackgum

65'-75' tall and 25'-35' spread

Dense, conical or flat-topped crowns. Small blue fruits are a favorite among birds and small mammals. Foliage turns florescent yellow, orange, scarlet, and purple in fall.
Quercus acutissima

Sawtooth Oak

35'-45' tall and 35'-50' spread

Rounded, broad, pyramidal crown. Gray-brown trunk and bark are deeply furrowed. New spring leaves are an attractive bright yellow-green and in fall they turn pale yellow.
Quercus alba
White Oak

60’-100’ tall and 60’-80’ spread

Wide crown with large, picturesque, horizontal branches. Bark is light gray with shallow furrows and plates. The round-lobed leaves turn burgundy in fall.
Quercus bicolor

Swamp White Oak

50’-60’ tall and 50’-60’ spread

Broad, open, rounded crown. Deeply furrowed dark brown bark make up the trunk. Leaves have a white underside and turn a showy red or yellow in fall.
Quercus coccinea

Scarlet Oak

60’-75’ tall and 45’-60’ spread

Rounded, pyramidal crown. Rich dark-brown bark with ridges and fissures. The scarlet oak was named for its beautiful, red-colored fall leaves.
**Quercus imbricaria**

**Shingle Oak**

*40'-60' tall and 40'-60' spread*

Broad, rounded crown. Gray-brown bark with ridges and pinkish inner bark. Shiny, lance-shaped leaves turn yellow and red in the fall.
Quercus macrocarpa

Bur Oak

*70'-90' tall and 60' to 80' spread*

Round, open crown and tends to be wider than it is tall. Bark is light brown or gray color with deep furrows. Large acorns are almost completely covered with a furry, bur-like cap. In fall, the large leaves turn a spectacular copper-yellow color.
Quercus phellos

Willow Oak

60'-75' tall and 40'-50' spread

Pyramidal crown in youth becomes a rounded canopy with drooping branches. Bark is gray to reddish-brown. Leaves resemble those of a willow tree and turn yellow or russet in autumn.
**Quercus palustris**

**Pin Oak**

*50’-78’ tall and 35’-40’ spread*

Strongly pyramidal, with a broad conical crown. Tends to be more graceful and slender than other oaks. Green foliage becomes a beautiful dark-red in fall.
Quercus rubra

Red Oak

60’-70’ tall and 50’-60’ spread

Rapidly growing tree with a rounded crown. Bark is striped with long smooth plates and deep furrows. Leaf lobes are bristle-tipped and turn crimson and orange in fall.
**Taxodium distichum**

**Baldcypress**

*60'-80' tall and 25'-35' spread*

Deciduous, cone-shaped conifer. Striking reddish-gray exfoliating bark is beautiful in winter. When growing near water they often develop knobby root growths or 'knees' that come out of the water. Green feather like leaves turn brilliant copper before dropping off in fall.
Tilia Americana

American Linden

50’-80’ tall and 35’-50’ spread

Upright, oval canopy with elegant draping lower branches. In summer, clusters of small flowers are fragrant with a honey-like scent. Heart-shaped, serrated leaves turn pale yellow in fall.
Tilia cordata

Littleleaf Linden

60'-70' tall and 35'-50' spread

Dense oval crown, which casts a deep shade. A prolific bloomer, with small fragrant flowers that attract bees. Small, heart-shaped leaves are light green on top and silver underneath.
Ulmus americana ‘Princeton’

Princeton Elm

50’-70’ tall and 30’-50’ spread

Vase-shaped shade tree with a rounded crown. Resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, the Princeton Elm is used to replace diseased trees. Bright green leaves turn yellow in fall.
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Amelanchier canadensis

**Shadblow, Serviceberry**

*20'-25' tall and 15'-20' spread*

Upright, single and multi-stemmed shrub. Long-petaled, white flowers appear early before leaves emerge. Blooms followed by many crimson, apple-like fruit. Dark green foliage varies from orange to rusty-red in fall.
Cercis canadensis

Eastern Redbud

20'-30' tall and 25'-35' spread

Single to multi-stem habit, with umbrella-like crown. Pink-purple flowers are shown in tight clusters along stems before leaves emerge. Smooth, heart-shaped leaves turn yellow in fall.
Chionanthus virginicus

Fringe Tree

12'-20' tall and 10'-15' spread

Upright oval to rounded crown with single or multistemmed trunks. Pure white, fragrant flowers, which look like cotton, cover the branches. Light green leaves become bright yellow in fall.
*Cornus florida*

**Dogwood**

*20’-30’ tall and 25’-30’ spread*

Single or multi-stemmed tree with spreading crown. Long-lasting, showy, white spring blooms. Red fruits and scarlet-red fall foliage provide seasonal interest.
Crataegus sp.  

Hawthorn  

*20’-35’ tall and 20’-35’ spread*

Small, globular tree with horizontal thorny branches. Clusters of white, apple-like blossoms become bright red berries. Cultivars will vary by season and availability. Autumn color is a showy multi-colored array of red, purple, orange, and yellow.
**Halesia carolina**

**Carolina Silverbell**

*20'-40' tall and 15'-30' spread*

Pyramidal habit, with exfoliating bark. Showy, white, bell-shaped blossoms hang in 3”-5” clusters in early spring. Pale yellow drupes dangle in groups and persist into winter. Rich green foliage turns golden-yellow in fall.
**Ilex opaca**

**American Holly**

35'-50' tall and 15'-25' spread

Pyramidal evergreen that slowly matures. Thick, leathery, deep green leaves have spiny points. Female trees have bright red berries, which are favored by birds and bees.

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**Magnolia virginiana**

**Sweetbay Magnolia**

*20'*-40' tall and 15'-25' spread*

Multiple, upright, columnar trunks. Creamy-white, fragrant flowers remain throughout summer. Blooms are followed by clusters of dark red seeds. Semi-evergreen, dark foliage with silver undersides.
Magnolia x soulangeana

Saucer Magnolia

20’-25’ tall and 20’-30’ spread

Multi-stemmed, spreading tree with a round crown. Large, white-pink flowers open in late winter-spring before leaves emerge. Leaves are fuzzy underneath and turn yellow in fall.
Ostrya virginiana

Hophornbeam

30’-40’ tall and 25’-30’ spread

Oval, rounded canopy. Bark is a grayish-orange that peels off in long strips. Small nutlets ripen in summer and are eaten by mammals and birds.
**Oxydendrum arboreum**

**Sourwood**

*20'-50' tall and 10'-25' spread*

Conical crown with spreading branches. Raceme flowers gracefully curve upwards from branch tips. Pale yellow fruit capsules are present from fall into winter. Leaves turn a brilliant deep-red in early fall.
Prunus cerasifera

Cherry Plum

15’-30’ tall and 15’-25’ spread

Aromatic, small, white flowers bloom in early spring. Pointed, oval shaped leaves with serrated edges. Flowers are followed by small edible fruits.
Prunus sp.

Flowering Cherry

25’-35’ tall and 25’-35’ spread

Multiple trunks, with slender upright branches and rounded canopy. In spring, they are covered with many attractive, pink flowers. Cultivars will vary by season and availability. Leaves turn a brilliant red, orange, and yellow in fall.
Syringa reticulata

Japanese Flowering Tree Lilac

20'-30' tall and 15'-25' spread

Small tree with upright, rounded crown. Young bark has reddish peels and turns gray with age. Large clusters of creamy, white flowers bloom in late spring and are exceptionally fragrant.
Commemorative Giving: Leave a Lasting Legacy in Prospect Park

With your generous support, commemorative gifts to the Prospect Park Alliance allow us to add new trees to the Park’s historic landscape, improve the care of all trees in the Park, and maintain the Park’s benches and their surrounding plantings. Commemorative giving provides a wonderful opportunity to honor a special person or event in your life, while helping to restore and maintain Prospect Park for generations to come.

Commemorative Tree Options

**Plant an Understory/Overstory Tree: $1,500/$3,000**
Together with our arboriculture team, we will work with you to choose a great location and species for your tree, balancing your wishes with the Park’s horticultural needs and historic design. There are two annual plantings, in late April/early May (March 1 deadline) and late October/early November (September 1 deadline). Choose from larger overstory, or ornamental and flowering understory species.

**Adopt an Understory/Overstory Tree $750/$1,000**
Adopt a favorite tree in the Park any time of the year. Your gift guarantees proper nourishment, fertilization, pruning and other care.

**Adopt a Heritage Tree: $10,000**
There are a handful of special, majestic trees in the Park, referred to as the Heritage Trees. Many of them date to the very beginnings of the Park, nearly 150 years ago, or even earlier. Your gift ensures that there are funds to care for these one-of-a-kind trees.

**Plant a Grove**
A grove may contain understory and overstory trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ground cover plants, helping to restore an entire Park landscape. Contact us for more details.

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