

Prospect Park Commemorative Trees



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Overstory 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.

Blooms

Foliage





Pinus strobus

White Pine

50'-80' tall and 20'-40' spread

Pyramidal shape and upright, regal in maturity. Single stemmed, with evergreen needles growing in clusters of five. A native tree which serves as a valuable habitat for a variety of bird species.

Foliage Evergreen





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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.

Blooms

Foliage





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 gleaming golden-yellow in autumn.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





Quercus imbricaria

Shingle Oak

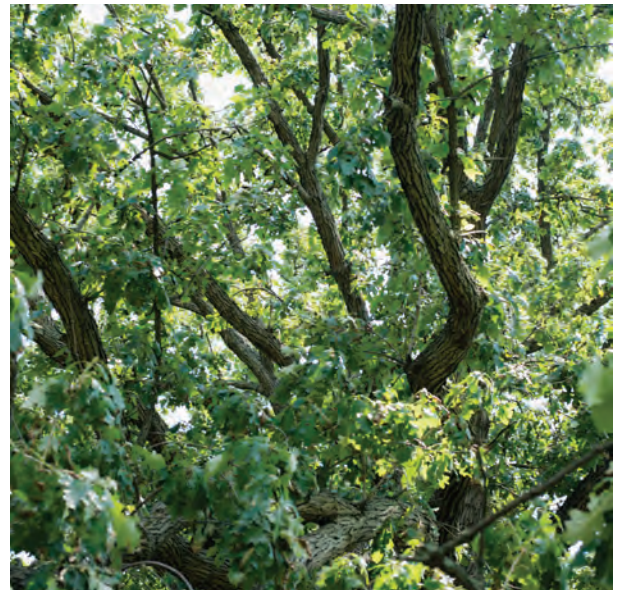
40'-60' tall and 40'-60' spread

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

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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.

Blooms



Foliage



Quercus palustris

Pin Oak

50'-75' 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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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 feathery like leaves turn brilliant copper before dropping off in fall.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage



Understory Trees



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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms



Foliage



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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage





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.

Blooms

Foliage



