

Garfield Park Lagoon Tree Guide

Learn more about your local trees with this guide to the amazing variety of trees at Garfield Park. Using this guide you will find 50 trees, each with a round numbered tag corresponding to a location on the map. An online map can be found at <https://bit.ly/3z7jK9E> and additional paper guides are available at the Garfield Park Field House (Gold Dome).



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About Garfield Park

In 1869, the West Park Commission was established, which was responsible for three large parks and interlinking boulevards. The centerpiece of the system was Central Park that later was renamed Garfield Park to honor President James A. Garfield. The other two parks are now known as Humboldt Park and Douglass Park. In 1905, Jens Jensen, a Danish immigrant who had begun as a laborer for the West Park System in the 1880s was appointed as the General Superintendent and Chief Landscape Architect. Unfinished sections of the parks allowed Jensen to experiment with his evolving prairie style.

Garfield Park provides open green space for recreation. The large tree canopy contains a diversity of trees featuring over 30 different species. The trees provide shade on a sunny day, a place to rest or nest for birds, and improve the quality of air in the community.

Reasons to Love Trees

- 1.** Trees provide animals (such as birds, mammals, insects) with a place to live (habitat), food, and protection.
- 2.** Trees filter pollutants by absorbing gases and filter fine particulates such as dust and smoke out of the air by trapping them on leaves and bark.
- 3.** The dense foliage soaks up the sun's rays and provides cooling shade. Development from buildings and paved surfaces make urban areas particularly hot and trees help reduce this effect.
- 4.** By absorbing water and intercepting rainfall, trees reduce stormwater runoff and help prevent floods.
- 5.** Living close to and recreating in green spaces can improve physical and mental health, for example by decreasing high blood pressure and stress.



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A metal numbered tag is mounted on each tree:

| # | Common Name | Species Name | # | Common Name | Species Name |
|----|----------------------|------------------------------|----|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Honey Locust | <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> | 26 | Black Walnut | <i>Juglans nigra</i> |
| 2 | White Mulberry | <i>Morus alba</i> | 27 | Hackberry | <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> |
| 3 | Bald Cypress | <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | 28 | Kentucky Coffee Tree | <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> |
| 4 | Honey Locust | <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> | 29 | Linden species | <i>Tilia</i> sp. |
| 5 | Miyabei Maple | <i>Acer miyabei</i> | 30 | Swamp White Oak | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> |
| 6 | Northern Catalpa | <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> | 31 | Weeping Willow | <i>Salix babylonica</i> |
| 7 | London Plane Tree | <i>Platanus × acerifolia</i> | 32 | Swamp White Oak | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> |
| 8 | Freeman Maple | <i>Acer × freemanii</i> | 33 | Downy Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus mollis</i> |
| 9 | Elm species | <i>Ulmus</i> sp. | 34 | American Elm | <i>Ulmus americana</i> |
| 10 | Kentucky Coffee Tree | <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> | 35 | Northern Red Oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> |
| 11 | White Poplar | <i>Populus alba</i> | 36 | Honey Locust | <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> |
| 12 | Elm species | <i>Ulmus</i> sp. | 37 | Shingle Oak | <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> |
| 13 | Norway Maple | <i>Acer platanoides</i> | 38 | London Plane Tree | <i>Platanus × acerifolia</i> |
| 14 | Silver Maple | <i>Acer saccharinum</i> | 39 | Black Walnut | <i>Juglans nigra</i> |
| 15 | Downy Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus mollis</i> | 40 | Crabapple species | <i>Malus</i> sp. |
| 16 | Gingko | <i>Gingko biloba</i> | 41 | Honey Locust | <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> |
| 17 | Sycamore | <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | 42 | Linden species | <i>Tilia</i> sp. |
| 18 | Serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier</i> sp. | 43 | Downy Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus mollis</i> |
| 19 | Sugar Maple | <i>Acer saccharum</i> | 44 | Miyabei Maple | <i>Acer miyabei</i> |
| 20 | Northern Red Oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> | 45 | Sugar Maple | <i>Acer saccharum</i> |
| 21 | Red Maple | <i>Acer rubrum</i> | 46 | Burr Oak | <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> |
| 22 | Crabapple species | <i>Malus</i> sp. | 47 | Crabapple species | <i>Malus</i> sp. |
| 23 | Hackberry | <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> | 48 | Sugar Maple | <i>Acer saccharum</i> |
| 24 | Northern Catalpa | <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> | 49 | Northern Red Oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> |
| 25 | Basswood (Linden) | <i>Tilia americana</i> | 50 | Spruce species | <i>Picea</i> sp. |