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# City Of Trees: The Complete Field Guide To The Trees Of Washington, D.C.



## Synopsis

Washington, D.C., boasts more than three hundred species of trees from America, Europe, Africa, and Asia, and *City of Trees* has been the authoritative guide for locating, identifying, and learning about them for more than twenty-five years. The third edition is fully revised, updated, and expanded and includes an eloquent new foreword by the *Washington Post*'s garden editor, Adrian Higgins. In the introduction, Choukas-Bradley describes the efforts of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other prominent Washingtonians who helped the nation's capital evolve into the "City of Trees," a moniker regaining popularity thanks to present-day efforts encouraging citizen participation in tree planting and maintenance. Part 1 gives the reader a guided tour of the nation's capital, highlighting historic and rare trees of the urban canopy. Part 2 is a comprehensive, simply worded, and fully illustrated botanical guide to the magnificent trees of the nation's capital and surroundings. The guide also includes botanical keys, an illustrated glossary, exquisite pen-and-ink drawings by Polly Alexander, and color close-up photographs of flowering trees, many by the nationally acclaimed photographer Susan A. Roth.

What to look for in the new edition:

- \* Added locations: the FDR Memorial; the Smithsonian Institution gardens; the Tudor Place grounds; the Bishop's Garden of the Washington National Cathedral; Audubon Naturalist Society sanctuaries; and much more.
- \* "City of Trees" history from 1987 to 2007, including the establishment of Casey Trees and the importance of the urban canopy in the twenty-first century.
- \* Twice as many pages of color photographs, new species descriptions and illustrations, and added habitat information.

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That rare book that combines the interesting, the functional, and the educational... A splendid field guide to the trees of Washington, D.C. (Naturalist Review) Not only full of trees, buds, catkins, berries... it is also full of history. (Christian Science Monitor) A splendid field guide—practical, botanically sound, and filled with good stories. (Washington Post Book World)

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Melanie Choukas-Bradley took up a small project to interpret Washington's trees for a larger audience. Her work has become a life's work because she saw the big picture and followed where it led. Now she has set the standard for any urban landscape by giving us a guidebook, a reference, and everything anyone would want to know about Washington DC "The City of Trees." The book includes suggested walks, explanations of the trees, citations of outstanding specimen, and fantastic drawings and photographs. Absolutely the gold standard of walking tour guidebooks

If you live in DC, or visit regularly, you've probably wondered, what are those lovely trees in that park I always walk past? If you tried to identify them with one of the usual field guides, such as Peterson, you probably didn't get far because so many of DC's trees are Asian and European species. 'City of Trees' is almost guaranteed to solve the mystery. I also enjoy taking the book along on visits to the DC area's many beautiful outdoor monuments and parks. It's much more than a guide to trees. For example, the section on Mount Vernon gives us a nutshell history, with emphasis on George Washington's interest in trees, noting a number of trees dating to his lifetime that still stand on the grounds. This book is a worthwhile addition to your tote bag whenever you're doing the tourist thing in DC.

i don't think i have ever had a book where the beginning (preface, forward to 3rd and 1st edition, etc) were so delightful to read. Absolutely delightful to share (but not loan) to young and old alike!  
Thank you Ladies!

This book is in 2 sections. The first section has a history of the trees in DC which is quite interesting. The 2nd section is a key to identifying the trees in DC. What I like about this book is that it includes both native and non-native trees. Additionally it has a large description for most trees which gives you a bit more information than just id

so nice to learn about washington dc history through perspective of beautiful gardens and naturalists' tender loving care. dignity of trees - we are people in the trees! they shelter us and grace us with beauty, though in storms they can become danger, we love them just the same; we cry when they break; they are like our arms reaching toward heaven.

great resource

Having worn out my copy of the second edition, I put this edition on my Christmas list. It does not disappoint. A cross between a tour guide and a field guide, it's just the right size for carrying around on your expeditions. You'll learn about the capital's history as well as its magnificent trees.

Excellent resource. Great for knowledge and design. Points out many locations to view trees, etc. I highly recommend this book

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