

HERSHEY GARDENS' **Top Ten Signature Trees**

Picea pungens 'Moerheimii' – Colorado Blue Spruce 'Moerheimii' is a compact, narrow dense growing evergreen conifer with very blue foliage.

Location: NW Walk by Fan Garden - Accession Number: E0-0222

Picea abies forma 'Pendula' – Weeping Norway Spruce is an evergreen conifer with pendulous branches. Estimated to be about 100 years old, this is one of the largest of its kind in Pennsylvania.

Location: North Walk above Fan Garden - Accession Number: E0-0182

Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca Pendula' – This is the largest Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar of its kind. Estimated to be about 120 years old, you can see that it was grafted onto the 5' trunk of a standard cedar.

Location: North Walk above Fan Garden - Accession Number: 73-0005

Fagus sylvatica 'Pendula' – Folks enjoy walking under the canopy of this European Weeping Beech. The structure of this deciduous tree creates an impact even without its foliage.

Location: North Walk above Fan Garden - Accession Number: E0-0192

Cercidiphyllum japonicum – The Katsura tree with its heart shaped leaves is impressively branched from the ground up.

Location: West of Herb Garden - Accession Number: 47-0001

Quercus phellos – The Willow Oak, so named for its foliage that looks more like a willow, may be the widest tree in the gardens.

Location: SE of Herb Garden - Accession Number: 47-0012

Oxydendrum arboreum – Sourwood or Sorrel tree is a PA native that has seasonal interest throughout the year with its flower stalks, flowers, seed stalks, and fall foliage color.

Location: Ornamental Grass Garden - Accession Number: 47-0005

Taxodium distichum – Bald Cypress or Swamp Cypress, native to the southern states, is a conifer that loses its foliage in the fall.

Location: South of Ornamental Grass Garden - Accession Number: 07-0107A

Sequoiadendron gigantea – Planted in the 40's, the Giant sequoia or Sierra-redwood, are large for PA but dwarfs compared to the record native trees in California measuring 300 ft in height and 50 ft in diameter.

Location: Japanese Garden to west of small bridge - Accession Number: 69-0013

Metasequoia glyptostroboides – Dawn Redwood is a pyramidal deciduous conifer that can reach 100'. The bark is reddish brown and exfoliating in long narrow strips. Bright green fern-like leaves turn a beautiful reddish brown before falling.

Location: Japanese Garden to east of small bridge - Accession Number: 72-0019

HERSHEY GARDENS' Notable Trees

Cunninghamia lanceolata – Common China Fir is not so common in the local landscape. This exotic-looking tree is barely hardy in this area. It also sheds about 1/3rd of its foliage which is a chore to clean-up from fall until spring.

Location: Japanese Garden to north small bridge - Accession Number: 69-0002

Torreya californica - California Nutmeg is rarely seen in the landscape. With foliage that looks like the widely use yews, its wood was once used to make bows by the Native Americans of California.

Location: Japanese Garden beside pond - Accession Number: E0-0303

Fagus sylvatica 'Fastigiata' – Columnar Beech are very tall and narrow with the smooth gray elephant hide like bark of the other beech trees.

Location: Arboretum walk - Accession Number: 67-0009

Styrax obassia – Fragrant Snowbell is a small flowering tree which develops dense ascending branches. Native to Japan, the white, fragrant bell-shaped flowers will cover the tree in June.

Location: Arboretum walk - Accession Number: 67-0031

Parrotia persica – Persian Parrotia is a member of the witchhazel family. The burgundy flowers form in late winter and are not that showy although, the fall foliage effect is one of the best.

Location: SE of Herb Garden - Accession number: 72-0019

Sciadopitys verticillata - Umbrella-pine has dark glossy green, thick needles radiating whorls around the stems creating the “umbrella” effect. This is a slow growing distinctly textured conifer.

Location: NW Walk by Square Garden - Accession Number: 73-0005

Liquidambar styraciflua – Winged Sweet Gum is a native tree having leaves similar in shape to a maple, only more leathery, dark green, and lustrous. They hold their beautifully colored foliage very late in the fall and the seed capsules are attractive but a landscape nuisance. This tree is unique in that the bark on the branches is winged like a Burning Bush.

Location: South of Weeping Beech along stone road - Accession Number: 72-0017

Cedrus libani – Cedar of Lebanon is a stately conifer tree with a thick, massive trunk and very wide-spreading branches.

Location: South of Weeping Beech along stone road - Accession Number: E0-0072

Betula alba 'Pendula Youngi' – The Weeping White Birch has slender and perfectly pendulous branches without a main leading stem. The bark is brownish when young changing to white and developing black fissured areas with age.

Location: SW entrance to Japanese Garden right of path - Accession Number: E0-0287

Catalpa speciosa – Northern Catalpa is a coarse textured native tree with large heart-shaped leaves. It is best when flowering in June and worst when its large leaves and 8 to 20” long pendulous bean-like seed capsules fall.
Location: Near entrance to Rose Compass Court - Accession Number: E0-0042

Ginkgo biloba – Ginkgo has distinct fan shaped leaves that create the best golden yellow fall color. Having grown on earth for 150 million years it was at one time native to North America. Best to get a male tree as the falling fruit of the female tree gets messy and malodorous.
Location: North of Rock Garden near old shop - Accession Number: E0-0172

Phellodendron amurense – Amur Corktree is so named for its old trunk bark that is ridged and furrowed into a cork-like pattern.
Location: North of Japanese Mounds - Accession Number: E0-0060A

Pinus strobus ‘Fastigiata’ – A cultivar of our native white pine, the Columnar Pine has a narrowly upright form with ascending branches.
Location: South of Grass Garden - Accession Number: E0-0266

Pinus wallichiana – The Himalayan Pine is loosely and broadly pyramidal with 5-8” drooping needles creating a feathery effect.
Location: Southeast Lawn by 4 Season Statues - Accession Number: E0-0239

Aesculus hippocastanum -Common Horsechestnut is a tall upright-oval tree with large very showy white flowers in May.
Location: Southeast of Rock Garden - Accession Number: E0-0239