

Guide to the Street Trees of Potomac Greens

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London Plane Tree (*Platanus X acerfolia*)

Location:

Potomac Greens Drive from the circle to the Clubhouse

Tree Tidbits:

The London Plane Tree is a hybrid cross between Asian and American Sycamores that was created in England in the 1700's from trees brought back from English settlements.

A fungus causes partial leaf-drop in mid-summer, but does not kill the tree, whose leaves are similar to Maple (acer) species native to North America and Europe.

Trees can grow as tall as 70-80 feet.





Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* L.)

Location:

South end of Carpenter and
Day and Lyles Lane

Tree Tidbits:

Red maple is one of the most widely dispersed trees in the eastern North America, found from eastern Canada to Florida.

Characteristic of the tree is the red fall color, and “serrated” or saw-like edge of the leaf.

Trees can grow as tall as 60-80 feet.





Red Maple X Silver Maple

Location:

Near the intersection of Rose Square and Carpenter.

Tree Tidbits:

Potomac Greens supports a few of these crosses, which typically result in a more compact columnar tree shape.

Characteristic of this cross is the light, “silverish” color of the back of the leaf – typical of Silver Maples (*Acer saccharinum*).



Redbud
(*Cercis canadensis*)

Location:

Rose Square near
Clubhouse, and on
Carpenter at Day and Lyles.

Tree Tidbits:

Redbud is a small native tree
with a large range from
southern Canada to Florida
and west to Oklahoma.

The tree is best known for
it's small purple flowers that
bloom in the early Spring.



Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)

Location:

North end of Potomac
Greens Drive.

Tree Tidbits:

This is the only completely non-native street tree planted in Potomac Greens as it is native to eastern Asia.

It is also sometimes called “lacebark” elm for obvious reasons, but retains the mismatched bottom leaf edges that are typical of all Elm species.





Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*)

Location:

Bracy and Miller Lanes and
mid-way along Carpenter

Tree Tidbits:

Willow Oak is a fast-growing member of the red Oak family, but has atypical Oak leaves common to other south-eastern US Red oak species (Live Oak, Laurel Oak).

The tree is shade intolerant (likes the sun) and can reach heights of 80-100 feet at maturity.

Unfortunately, fall color is generally lacking in this fast-growing shade tree.





Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra* L.)

Location:

Rose Square and Carpenter
and at northern end of
Carpenter and north park.

Tree Tidbits:

Leaves of the Red oak family typically have pointed edges on each lobe as opposed to rounded edges for White oaks.

Northern Red Oaks can grow as tall as 100 feet, and 2-3 feet in diameter at maturity.

In contrast to White oak species which are also found in Europe and Asia, Red oaks are native only to North America.



Red Oak Varieties (*Quercus* spp.)

Location:

Carpenter and north park area.

Tree Tidbits:

Potomac Greens has a few Red oak family trees which look like Turkey Oak (*Quercus cerris*) or other lesser known species in the Red oak family.

Characteristic of these varieties are deeper and irregular leaf lobes.

