

# GREAT TREE SEARCH

## About Great Tree Search

Tree Davis asked residents to nominate Great Trees during fall 2018 and 2019. There were four categories: Unusual Size, Species, Form, and History. Approximately 33 nominations were received. The Great Tree Search helps residents to better understand and appreciate our trees' contributions to education, environment, and culture.

## How To Find the Trees

Nearly all Great Trees are located in front yards and can be easily viewed from the street and sidewalk. Four trees are in backyards, and one tree's location is undisclosed at the property owner's request. All Great Trees will have QR code tree necklaces by 2021.

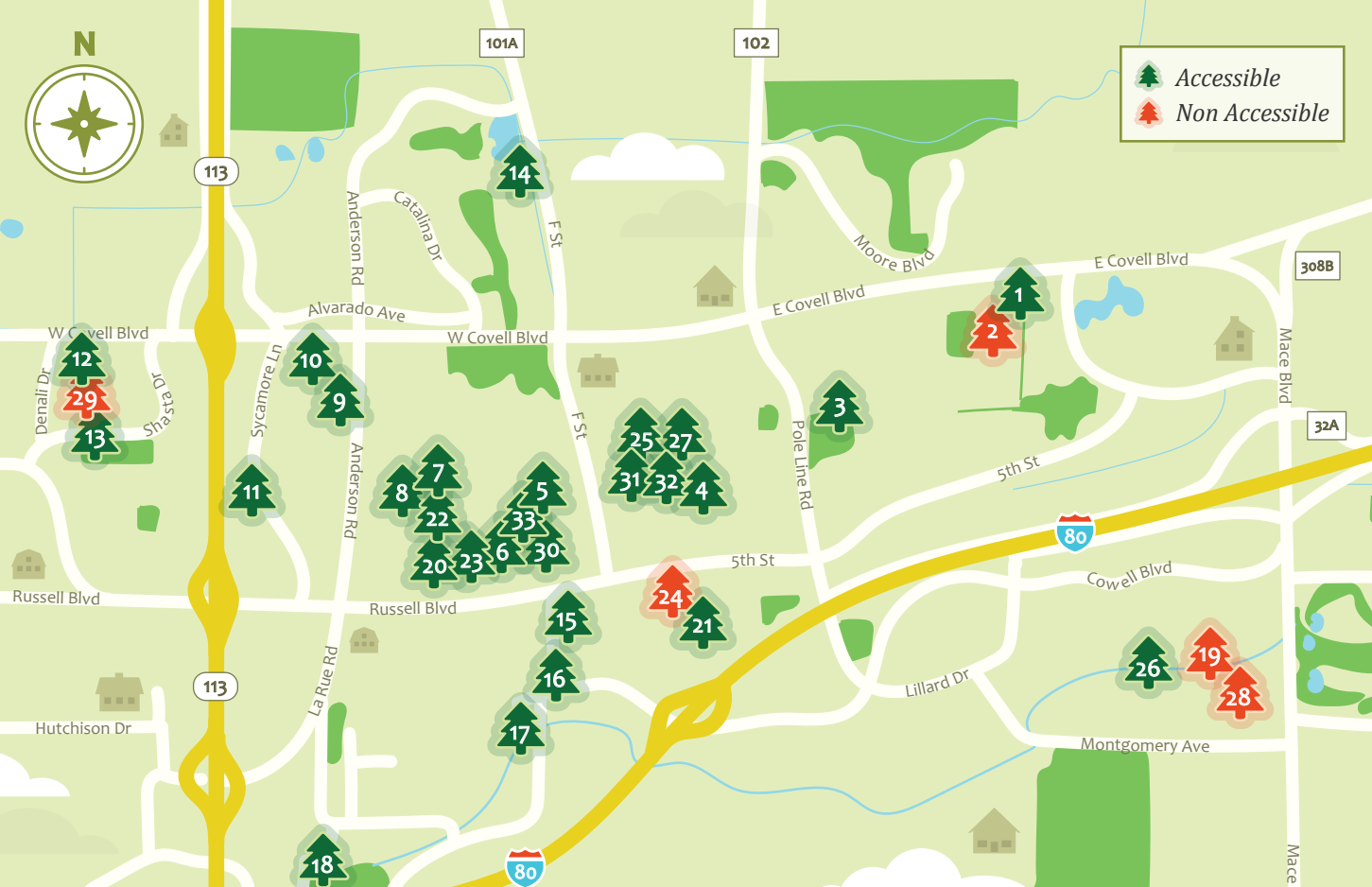
## About Tree Davis

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| 1. <b>Silver Maple</b><br>3051 Campbell Place                   | 10. <b>Ginkgo Tree</b><br>913 Kent Drive                          | 18. <b>Torrey Pine</b><br>UCD Arboretum,<br>Redwood Grove              | 26. <b>Canary Island Pine</b><br>43351 Almond Lane                              |
| 2. <b>Dawn Redwood Tree</b><br>3045 Campbell Place              | 11. <b>Italian Stone Pine</b><br>1012 Plum Lane                   | 19. <b>Valley Oak</b><br>South Putah Creek                             | 27. <b>Sweet Olive</b><br>939 Pecan Place                                       |
| 3. <b>Kentucky Coffee Tree</b><br>2115 Regis Drive              | 12. <b>Tipa Tree</b><br>2136 Saratoga Place                       | 20. <b>Valley Oak</b><br>501 Oak Avenue                                | 28. <b>Mexican Evergreen Oak</b><br>1324 Torrey Street                          |
| 4. <b>Formosan Flame Tree</b><br>8th and L Street,<br>NW corner | 13. <b>Wollemi Pine</b><br>2136 Dinosaur Place                    | 21. <b>Formosan Flame Tree</b><br>Behind Friends Hall,<br>345 L Street | 29. <b>Mexican Blue Palm</b><br>2136 Dinosaur Place,<br>Visible from Shasta Dr. |
| 5. <b>Chinese Hackberry Tree</b><br>327 E 9th Street            | 14. <b>Red Push Pistache</b><br>115 Grande Avenue                 | 22. <b>Weeping Willow</b><br>375 W. 8th Street                         | 30. <b>Orchid Tree</b><br>648 D Street  |
| 6. <b>Modesto Ash</b><br>710 Miller Drive                       | 15. <b>Coast Redwood</b><br>Davis Community<br>Church, 4th Street | 23. <b>Shiny Xylosma</b><br>North border of<br>College Park            | 31. <b>Austrian Pine</b><br>1132 Dartmouth Place                                |
| 7. <b>European Hornbeam</b><br>405 Antioch Drive                | 16. <b>Cork Oak</b><br>240 2nd Street                             | 24. <b>Calamondin</b><br>512 K Street                                  | 32. <b>Mexican Weeping Pine</b><br>1140 Dartmouth Place                         |
| 8. <b>Scarlet Oak Tree</b><br>518 Antioch Drive                 | 17. <b>Olive Tree</b><br>North of Sproul Hall,<br>UCD             | 25. <b>Ginkgo Tree</b><br>943 Ponderosa Place                          | 33. <b>Paradox Walnut</b><br>Lutheran Church,<br>317 E. 8th Street              |

## 1. Silver Maple

*Acer saccharinum*

This 40-year old silver maple is a grand shade tree. It is 85-ft tall with a 10.8-ft girth.



## 2. Dawn Redwood Tree

*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

This Dawn Redwood was planted 40 years ago and today it is 80-feet tall (7.5 feet in girth). The species was thought to have gone extinct and it is one of the few conifers to drop their needles in winter, thereby providing more sunshine.



## 3. Kentucky Coffee Tree

*Gymnocladus dioica*

This 50-year old Kentucky coffee tree is the godfather of 200,000 Espresso™ Kentucky coffee trees planted worldwide. It was selected because it was tough, heat and drought tolerant, tolerant of clay soils, relatively fast-growing with a large, vase-shaped crown, and a male tree that didn't produce the large banana peel-like pods that litter the crown and ground below.



## 4. Formosan Flame Tree

*Koelreuteria elegans subsp. formosana*

This 57-year old Formosan flame tree is 65-ft tall and wide with a girth of nearly 11 feet.



Its attractive yellow flowers appear in late summer and are followed by lipstick pink capsules that adorn the crown.

## 5. Chinese Hackberry Tree

*Celtis sinensis*

The 56-year-old Chinese hackberry has a 7.4-ft girth and 65-ft crown spread. During summer it blankets the street and sidewalks with shade.



## 6. Modesto Ash

*Fraxinus velutina 'Modesto'*

This 56-year old Modesto ash is one of the largest that still remains in the neighborhood. It is 82-ft tall with an 11.5-ft girth.



## 7. European Hornbeam

*Carpinus betulus*

Dr. Phil Barker grafted a European hornbeam onto the parent to make this odd-shaped tree. He called it his "chinning tree," and it reminds one of JRR Tolkien's Ents.



## 8. Scarlet Oak Tree

*Quercus coccinea*

The massive scarlet oak on Antioch is nearly 100-ft tall and wide. During the dog days of summer it is a car magnet, as vehicles are drawn to its cooling shade.



## 9. Strawberry Tree

*Arbutus unedo*

This Strawberry tree was planted in 1980 and is now 40-ft tall and 30-ft wide. It is an elegant ornamental with dark green glossy foliage, white bell-shaped flowers and round red berries that appear in fall when the tree is flowering.



## 10. Ginkgo Tree

*Ginkgo biloba*

This 46-year old ginkgo has grown from a misformed twig into a magnificent tree. Perhaps inspired by this tree's buttery yellow fall foliage, neighbors have planted other ginkgos along the street to replicate its splendor.



## 11. Italian Stone Pine

*Pinus pinea*

This 55-year old Italian stone pine towers to 100 feet. A young woman used to regularly meditate under this tree, which makes one wonder about the many memories children of Davis carry who grew up climbing its trunk and swinging from its branches.



## 12. Tipa Tree

*Tipuana tipu*

This Tipa tree is native to Brazil, but here it has grown rapidly to 90-ft tall and 70-ft wide (10.4 ft girth). It provides filtered shade and



bright orange-yellow blossoms in early summer.

## 13. Wollemi Pine

*Wollemia nobilis*

The Wollemi pine was thought to have gone extinct 2 million years ago, but in 1994 a small grove of about 100 trees was discovered in Australia's Blue Mountains. This 12-year old tree was planted as part of the National Geographic Society's effort to help protect the species and safeguard its continued survival.



## 14. Red Push Pistache

*Pistacia x 'Red Push'*

This Red Push pistache was planted 20-years ago as an experiment. It has proven to be drought tolerant, pest resistant, and leaves are fiery red when they appear in spring.



## 15. Coast Redwood

*Sequoia sempervirens*

This 110-ft tall Coast redwood has stood guard over Davis Community Church for nearly 100 years. But it is still just a juvenile, as the species are among the oldest things on Earth, living over 2000 years and reaching up to 380 feet in height.



## 16. Cork Oak

*Quercus suber*

This epic cork oak has quietly grown into a beacon that affirms



life's magic. It has a 12.5-ft girth and the spongy bark evolved to protect it from fire.

## 17. Olive Tree

*Olea europaea*

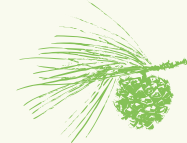
The spiraling trunk and gnarled branches of this ancient olive tree reflect the vicissitudes of over 150 years of life. It is 60-ft tall with a girth of 8.7 feet, and is one of several trees that remain from the Jerome C. and Mary Chiles Davis homestead.



## 18. Torrey Pine

*Pinus torreyana*

This 78-year old Torrey pine towers above the redwoods. In their native habitats, Torrey pines are gnarled from the wind, but this one grows straight and tall, illustrating the huge role that environment plays in an organism's development – a lesson for us all.



## 19. Valley Oak

*Quercus lobata*

This iconic Valley oak in south Davis is estimated to be 380 years old and has a 20-ft girth. In 1860 a Pony Express route passed under it, and since then it has shaded hundreds of weddings and wine tastings for the old Putah Creek Vineyard.



## 20. Valley Oak

*Quercus lobata*

This Valley Oak is the largest tree measured during the Great Tree Search. It's 21-ft girth slightly exceeds that of the 380-year-old giant along old Putah Creek in south Davis. This oak is 120-ft tall with similar crown spread.



## 21. Formosan Flame Tree

*Koelreuteria elegans subsp. formosana*

The Formosan Flame tree behind the Friends Hall is one of the largest in Davis. The crown of this veteran reaches 70 feet and spreads 60 feet. With a girth of 9.6 feet it is almost the size of its cousin at the northwest corner of 8th and L Street. These two trees were likely planted at the same time in 1961.



## 22. Weeping Willow

*Salix babylonica*

Some trees just refuse to die. Such is the case with this weeping willow. Although the exact planting date of this tree is unknown, it was already a large tree in the early 1960s. At the turn of the century it was a magnificent specimen that visually dominated the intersection of 8th and Oak Street.



## 23. Shiny Xylosma

*Xylosma congestum*

A shiny xylosma hides behind the privets, oaks and other plants



along the north border of College Park. This multi-stemmed tree reaches upward 45 feet for the sun. Like an octopus trying to escape a trap, a hackberry tree grows out through the middle of the xylosma's crown.

## 24. Calamondin

*Citrofortunella microcarpa*

Calamondin is a species of citrus and a hybrid between kumquat and mandarin orange. This calamondin reaches 20-ft tall with a 14-ft crown spread. Usually a shrub, this calamondin provides ample shade and tasty fruit with a distinctive sweet (peel) and sour (fruit) flavor when eaten whole. The fruits are used to make marmalade, juices, sauces, and cake.



## 25. Ginkgo Tree

*Ginkgo biloba*

Ginkgo trees are very slow growing, which makes the 65-ft tall one in front of Wilhelmina Currie's home on Ponderosa Place even more spectacular. The trunk of this ginkgo has a 5.6-ft girth that supports a crown 36-ft in diameter.



## 26. Canary Island Pine

*Pinus canariensis*

The Canary Island pine towers 76 feet above Mont Hubbard's home on Almond Lane, in what was an almond orchard before the Willowbank subdivision was developed in 1947. Its hefty trunk has a girth of 15 feet and



supports a massive crown that spreads 70 feet.

## 27. Sweet Olive

*Osmanthus fragrans*

Sweet olive is an evergreen shrub or small tree native to Asia with extremely fragrant flowers that smell like ripe peaches. Although very popular in Japan and China where it is the "city tree" of several municipalities, it is unusual in Davis. The sweet olive planted by the late Dr. Andrew Leiser at his home on Pecan Place has grown into a 30-ft tall tree.



## 28. Mexican Evergreen Oak

*Quercus rysophylla*

The Mexican evergreen oak planted by the late UC Davis professor John Tucker is another one of Davis' arboreal legacies. The tree is 50-ft tall, with a 30-ft spread and 4.5-ft girth. Its interesting foliage, drought tolerance, and resistance to disease and pests make it a good choice for contemporary landscapes.



## 29. Mexican Blue Palm

*Brahea armata*

Paul Kelly's backyard contains palms from around the world, but the Mexican blue palm is his pride and joy. This 70-year old tree was transplanted by crane (it weighed 10,000 pounds) 7 years ago from a site in West Sacramento. Now it is 30-ft tall and the stout trunk has a



girth of 6.1 feet. It is believed to be the largest of its kind in Davis.

## 30. Orchid Tree

*Bauhinia x blakeana*

At 648 D St. there is a tree that goes unnoticed except when it flowers. The 35-ft tall orchid tree has died back from cold snaps and sprouted several times. The four scarred stems are testaments to its tenacity. In spring the light pink orchid-like flowers are spectacular, and their fragrance intoxicates.



## 31. Austrian Pine

*Pinus nigra*

Austrian pine is not common in Davis, and this one is uncommonly large. According to Ms. Grace Hodgson, the tree is nearly 60 years old. Its spreading canopy and dark-colored bark make the front yard stand out. This specimen is 70-ft tall and has a girth of 5.5 feet.



## 32. Mexican Weeping Pine

*Pinus patula*

Next door on Dartmouth Place is a beautiful Mexican weeping pine. Although not as tall (55 ft) as the Austrian pine, this tree has a gorgeous spreading crown (48-ft spread) and drooping tufts of needles. The stout trunk (6.5-ft girth) and feathery foliage are very attractive.



## 33. Paradox Walnut

*Juglans hindsii x J. regia*

One of the most visible trees in Davis is the Paradox walnut that stands in front of the Lutheran Church at 317 E. 8th Street. Its enormous branches defy gravity, sweeping downward and then lifting upward to the sky. The crown spreads 90 feet, greatly exceeding its height (65 ft).



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