

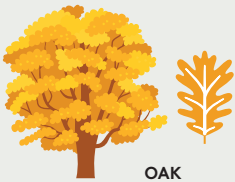
DIX PARK FALL FOLIAGE GUIDE



Dix Park
Conservancy

In this guide, you'll find information about the many species of trees that grow and thrive in Dix Park. Every autumn, these trees put on a magnificent display of oranges, reds and yellows to remind us that one season has come to an end, and another is just beginning. One of my favorite of these colorful messengers is the brilliant, yellow Ginkgo tree at the intersection of Hunt and Umstead Drives. I trust you will find your own beloved favorites among the many trees that grow in the park. Happy Autumn!

Janet Cowell
 Janet Cowell, Dix Park Conservancy CEO



OAK



PECAN

Throughout the Park

Willow Oaks, *Quercos phellos* (yellow) line the streets. These are probably 60-75 years old. Occasionally you will see **Pecan**, *Carya illinoensis* (rich golden yellow), planted in groves throughout the park, especially in front of buildings.



MAGNOLIA



RED MAPLE

Magnolia Room

This picnic and play area is flanked by large **Southern Magnolias**, *Magnolia grandiflora*. These quintessential southern garden trees are evergreen, meaning they do not lose their leaves in winter. They are native to the coast of the southeast, especially in urban areas. There are also a few **Red Maples**, *Acer rubrum* (brilliant reds and oranges) here.



DOGWOOD



OAK



MAGNOLIA

Flower Cottage

Flower Cottage is nestled in large oak trees, including **Water Oak**, *Quercus nigra* (yellow), **Post Oak**, *Quercus stellata* (golden brown), **White Oak**, *Quercus alba* (red, orange), **Southern Magnolia**, *Magnolia grandiflora* (evergreen), and understory **Flowering Dogwood**, *Cornus florida* (red, purple).



OAK



SYCAMORE

Hunt Drive

As you enter the park at Hunt Drive you are immediately greeted by a relatively young **White Oak**, *Quercus alba*, (red, orange) at the corner and three **Southern Red Oaks**, *Quercus falcata*, (reddish brown) as you progress. In the back you may notice three **Sycamore**, *Platanus occidentalis*, (yellow, orange) along the train tracks. All throughout Dix Park the streets are lined with **Willow Oaks**, *Quercus phellos*, (yellow). These are not Pin Oaks, as many folks assume. The shape of the leaves of these trees resembles a Willow tree. A Pin Oak is actually a lobed leaf with sharp bristles.



GINKGO

At the intersection of Hunt Drive and Umstead Drive you will find the most exquisite of all fall trees at Dix Park. The great **Ginkgo**, *Ginkgo biloba*, of Dix Park will be enshrouded in brilliant golden leaves with an apron of golden leaves radiating out from the tree on the ground. A sight not to be missed!



Dix Park Fall Foliage At-A-Glance

↻ Quickest access from outside of the park

Throughout the Park

Pecan, *Carya illinoensis*

Willow Oaks, *Quercus phellos*

↻ Magnolia Room

Red Maples, *Acer rubrum*

Southern Magnolias,

Magnolia grandiflora

↻ Flower Cottage

Flowering Dogwood,

Cornus florida

Post Oaks, *Quercus stellata*

Southern Magnolia,

Magnolia grandiflora

Water Oak, *Quercus nigra*

White Oaks, *Quercus alba*



🕒 Park Hours

Dix Park is open seven days-a-week from dawn until dusk.



Map Key

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| ↻ Park Entrance | 💧 Water Fountain |
| 🚶 Trail Head | 📍 Park Info |
| 🏛 Cemetery | 📖 Park History |
| ⛪ Chapel | 🚌 Go Raleigh Bus Stop |
| 🚊 Railroad | 🚻 Temporary Restroom |

🅑 Public Parking

During business hours M-F, park visitors are to use Public Parking only. All parking lots are available to park visitors weeknights & weekends.

↻ Hunt Drive

Ginkgo, *Ginkgo biloba*
Pecan, *Carya illinoensis*
Red Oaks, *Quercus rubra*
Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*
White Oaks, *Quercus alba*
Willow Oaks, *Quercus phellos*

↻↻ Rocky Branch Greenway

Bald Cypress, *Taxodium distichum*
Box Elder, *Acer negundo*
Hackberry, *Celtis laevigata*
River Birch, *Betula nigra*
Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*
Tulip Poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera*

↻ The Grove

Ash, *Fraxinus spp.*
Pecan, *Carya illinoensis*
Red Maples, *Acer rubrum*
Red Oaks, *Quercus rubra*
Sweet Gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*
White Oaks, *Quercus alba*

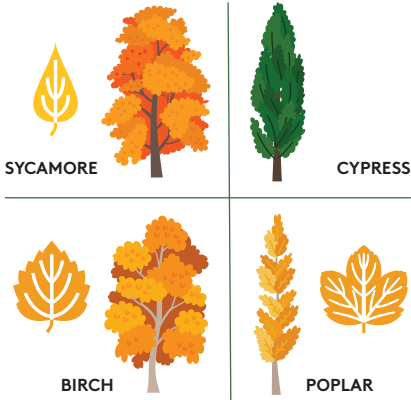
↻ Oak Room

Blackjack Oaks,
Quercus marilandica
Pecan, *Carya illinoensis*
Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina*
Red Oaks, *Quercus rubra*

↻ Harvey Hill

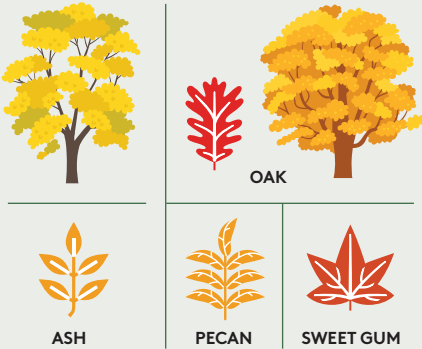
Bald Cypress, *Taxodium distichum*
Flowering Dogwoods,
Cornus florida
Post Oaks, *Quercus stellata*
Red Oaks, *Quercus rubra*
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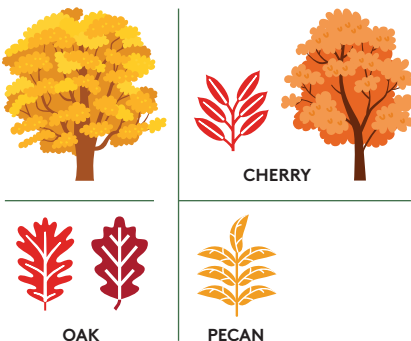
Rocky Branch Greenway

Along the Rocky Branch Greenway you'll find a mix of our native riparian trees, such as **Hackberry**, *Celtis laevigata* (yellow with purple berries), **Bald Cypress**, *Taxodium distichum* (reddish brown), **Box Elder**, *Acer negundo* (golden yellow), **Sycamore**, *Platanus occidentalis* (yellow, orange), **River Birch**, *Betula nigra* (golden yellow), and **Tulip Poplar**, *Liriodendron tulipifera* (yellow).



The Grove

As you pass through the Boylan Street entrance, you'll see the Grove on your left and the greenway along Rocky Branch. As you progress up S. Boylan Avenue large **Red**, *Quercus rubra*, (yellow, brown, red) and **White Oaks**, *Quercus alba* (red, orange) alternate along the road. Mixed in you will see **Ash**, *Fraxinus spp.* (yellow, deep purple, maroon), **Pecan**, *Carya illinoensis*, (golden yellow), and **Sweet Gum**, *Liquidambar styraciflua* (yellow, maroon, orange, purple). Finally, a few southern red maples enjoy the well-drained hillside of the grove.



Oak Room

The Oak Room playground is surrounded by large **Red Oaks**, *Quercus rubra* (yellow, brown, red) and **Blackjack Oaks**, *Quercus marilandica* (golden brown). Also, a large **Black Cherry**, *Prunus serotina*, can be seen here turning a brilliant orange and yellow and a sizeable **Pecan**, *Carya illinoensis*, turning a rich golden yellow.



CYPRESS



OAK



DOGWOOD

Harvey Hill

At Harvey Hill you will see an interesting array of native trees. These were no doubt planted over the course of Dix Park's long history. Notable tree species include **Bald Cypress**, *Taxodium distichum* (reddish-brown) bordered by large **Red**, *Quercus rubra* (yellow, brown, red) and **White Oaks**, *Quercus alba* (red, orange). Also, **Post Oaks**, *Quercus stellata*, with their leathery, dark green leaves in the shape of a Maltese cross turn golden brown in the fall. There is a nice understory of ornamental trees here, such as **Flowering Dogwoods**, *Cornus florida*, that turn scarlet red in the fall.





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