

POTOMAC AVENUE TREES

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	Planting Location	Distinctive Features	Comments	
Maidenhair Tree	Ginkgo Biloba	1425 Potomac Ave. Oriental Rugs	Is a deciduous conifer that matures to 100' tall. It is the only surviving member of a group of ancient plants believed to have inhabited the earth up to 150 million years ago. It features distinctive two-lobed, somewhat leathery, fan-shaped, rich green leaves with diverging (almost parallel) veins. Leaves turn bright yellow in fall. Commonly called maidenhair trees in reference to the resemblance of their fan-shaped leaves to maidenhair fern leaflets.	Water: Medium Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Street Tree Flower: Insignificant Leaf: Good Fall Color	
		1439 Potomac Ave. Knossos Gyros			
Serviceberry	Amelanchier	1412 Potomac Ave. Hair Geometrics	Commonly called downy serviceberry, is a deciduous, early-flowering small tree which typically grows 15-25' tall in cultivation but can reach 40' in the wild. Features 5-petaled, showy, slightly fragrant, white flowers in drooping clusters which appear before the leaves emerge in early spring. The finely-toothed, obovate leaves exhibit good fall color. Flowers give way to small, round green berries which turn red and finally mature to a dark purplish-black in early summer. Edible berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are often used in jams, jellies and pies. Amelanchiers are commonly called Juneberries.	Water: Medium Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Flowering Tree	
					1436 Potomac Ave. MLG
					1453 Potomac Ave. Beyond Time
Bald Cypress	Taxodium Distiochum	1413 Potomac Ave. Breakers	Is a long-lived, pyramidal conifer (cone-bearing tree) which grows 50-70' tall. Although it looks like a needled evergreen in summer, it is deciduous. In cultivation, however, it grows very well in drier, upland soils. Soft, feathery, yellowish-green foliage (1/4" long, flat needles in two ranks) turns an attractive orange/cinnamon-brown in fall. Rounded, wrinkled, 1 inch diameter, purplish-green cones mature to brown.	Water: Medium to wet Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Rain Garden Leaf: Good Fall Color Fruit: Showy	
					2865 Potomac Ave. North Way Church (at corner)
Honeylocust	Glenditsia Triacanthos	2865 Potomac Ave. North Way Church (across from Fredos)	Honey locust is a deciduous tree that attains a mature height of 30-40 feet, with a spread a bit less than that. The Shademaster cultivar is thornless and podless, a true non-	Water: Medium Maintenance: Medium	

		1430 Potomac Ave. Dor Stop Rest.	messy honey locust. It is slow to leaf out in spring, but, when it does, the display is a sight to behold. The new foliage starts out yellow, then morphs to a still attractive greenish-yellow, before assuming a more pedestrian light green shade in summer. When it is time for the fall-foliage display, the leaves return more or less to the yellow color that marked them in spring. This tree offers good foliage color for at least two different seasons of the year. In shape, the compound leaves are fern-like, with a fine texture. The branching pattern is relatively open and airy. They are fast-growing trees.	Suggested Use: Street Tree Flower: Showy
Black Gum	Nyssa Sylvatica	1422 Potomac Ave. The Woven Rug	A stately tree with a straight trunk and rounded crown (more pyramidal when young) that typically grows 30'-50' tall. Primarily dioecious (separate male and female trees), but each tree often has some perfect flowers. Small, greenishwhite flowers appear in spring on long stalks (female flowers in sparse clusters and male flowers in dense heads). Although flowers are not showy, they are an excellent nectar source for bees. Flowers give way to oval, 1/2" long fruits which are technically edible but quite sour (hence the common name). Fruits mature to a dark blue and are attractive to birds and wildlife. Spectacular scarlet fall color. Obovate to elliptic, entire to slightly toothed leaves (to 5" long) are dark green above and paler below.	Water: Medium to wet Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Shade Tree, Street Tree, Rain Garden Flower: Insignificant Leaf: Good Fall Color Attracts: Birds
		1451 Potomac Ave. Fredo's		
Northern Red Oak	Quercus Rubra	1435 Potomac Ave. Jmart	A medium sized, deciduous tree with a rounded to broad-spreading, often irregular crown. Typically grows at a moderate-to-fast rate to a height of 50-75'. Dark, lustrous green leaves (grayish-white beneath) with 7-11, toothed lobes which are sharply pointed at the tips. Leaves turn brownish-red in autumn. Fruits are acorns (with flat, saucer-shaped cups) which mature in early fall. An abundant crop of acorns may not occur before this tree reaches 40 years old.	Water: Dry to medium Maintenance: Low Suggested Use: Shade Tree, Street Tree