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Adopt a tree for 10 years with a charitable donation of \$5,000

1. Contact us at fundraising@vandusen.org or 604-257-8674 to enquire about any of the trees below, discuss other available options, or to arrange a viewing.
2. Once you have chosen a tree, you will be sent an adoption form to fill out and return.
3. Tree adoption requires a charitable donation of \$5,000 via credit card, cheque, e-transfer, EFT, or cash. Thanks to your donation, we're able to provide your tree with top quality care, as well as nurture the beautiful biodiversity that surrounds it.
4. You will receive a charitable tax receipt within 5 business days.
5. A gold coloured plaque featuring your personalized message will be installed on the tree, and you will receive photos and a final adoption form by email.
6. After 10 years, you will be offered the chance to renew your tree adoption, provided that your tree is still in good health.

SAMPLE ADOPTION PLAQUES



FINDING TREES IN THE GARDEN

Contact fundraising@vandusen.org or 604-257-8674 to arrange a viewing.

Or, find the trees yourself using the Map and ID#

1. Use the map at the end of this catalogue to get to the general location.
2. Use the Tree ID number (listed under each tree image) and match it to the corresponding numbers on the black plaque, which you will find attached to the tree in the Garden.

ID# on plaque in Garden





EASTERN WHITE PINE

Pinus strobus

Located in our Eastern North American collection close to a path.

In mixed forests, this dominant tree towers over many others, including some of the large broadleaf hardwoods. It provides food and shelter for numerous forest birds. Mature trees are often 200–250 years old, and some live over 400 years.

Map #1 ID #1972-0145:27



DOUGLAS-FIR

Pseudotsuga menziesii

In the middle of the Great Lawn

The Douglas-fir is one of the iconic trees of our BC coastal forests. They have thick bark that acts as fire protection, and grow hundreds of feet tall. Central to the Great Lawn, this location is a great spot to chill out and watch the world go by.

Map #2 ID #NATIVE:102



CHIHUAHUAN SPRUCE

Picea chihuahuana

On the right of pathway leading to the Great Lawn

Native to Mexico, this beautiful Spruce tree thrives near streams. The sharp needles are covered in a wax that acts as sunscreen, protecting the tree from harsh sun.

Map #3 ID #1991-0173:72



PAWPAW

Asimina triloba

Located in the Eastern North America Collection

Although this particular tree is unlikely to produce fruit anytime soon, the adorable pawpaw tree is renowned for its tropical, custard-like, highly nutritious fruits. Pollinated by flies and beetles, it is native to North America.

Map #4 ID # 2012-0020:107A



KOBUSHI MAGNOLIA

Magnolia kobus

Located in the middle of the Woodland Garden.

This mature Kobushi Magnolia blooms spectacularly in early spring. Located in the middle of the Woodland Garden, this location offers a green-drenched, serene escape, just steps from the bustling plaza.

Map #5 ID #1973:0243: 26B



ANTARCTIC BEECH

Nothofagus antarctica

Behind a secluded bench with an unparalleled view of Heron Lake.

This large Antarctic Beech won the lottery when it comes to location! With a flawless view of the lake and a bench located serenely under its branches, this is the perfect place to sit and escape life for a while. The Antarctic Beech's sweet scented leaves turn yellow and orange in the fall.

Map #6 ID # 1972-0392: 58A



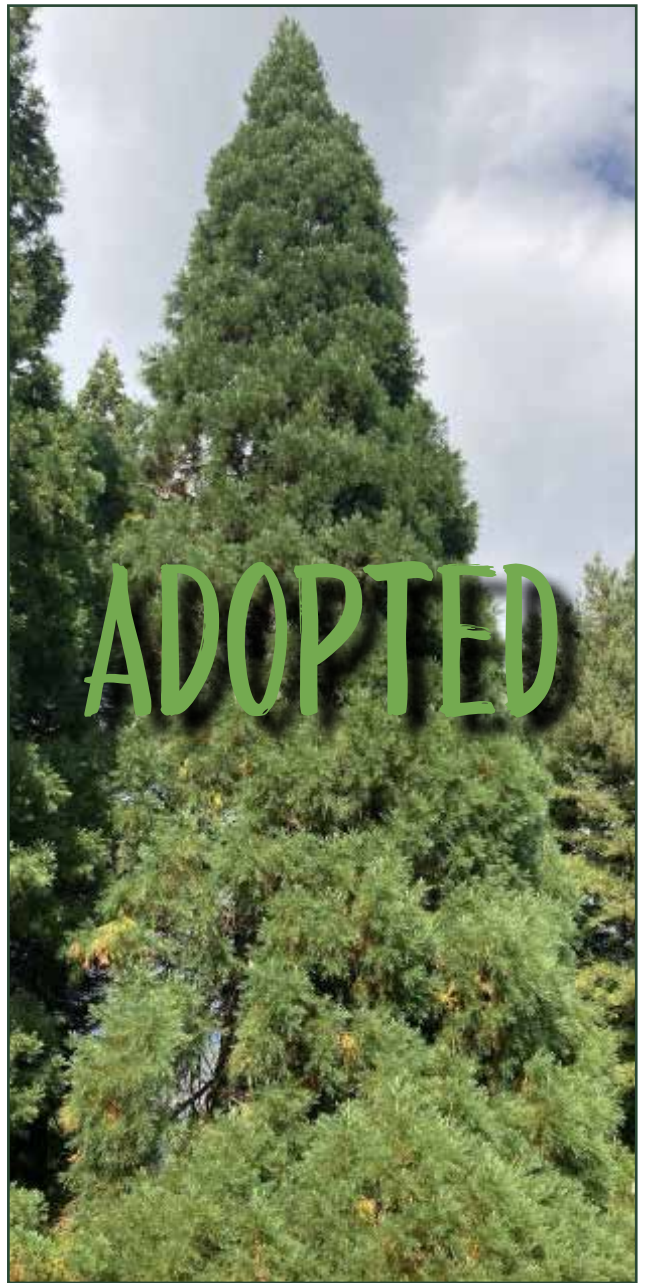
PERSIAN IRONWOOD

Parrotia persica

Located in the Mediterrean area of the garden near the Roy Forster pond.

Native to Iran and a member of the witch-hazel family, this tree has showy autumn colouration in yellows and oranges. It is known for its wonderfully textured and beautiful mottled bark, that develops as it ages.

Map #7 ID #1990-0024:32B



GIANT SEQUOIA

Sequoiadendron giganteum

Near Heron Lake and easily accessed by paths.

The Giant Sequoia is native to Northern California and the biggest tree by mass on earth. It can grow over 300 feet tall and live for 3500 years or more. These trees have evolved to survive wildfires, and their cones need fire to crack them open and release the seeds.

Map #8 ID #1973-0638:106



EUROPEAN HOP HORNBEAM

Ostrya carpinifolia

Near the Beech Collection

Native to southern Europe, this sturdy beauty turns yellow in fall. Yellowish-green catkins appear in spring, which give way to a pendulous seed cluster containing 6 to 20 small nutlets. The seed clusters are reminiscent of the hops used to make beer, inspiring the common name of this species.

Map #9 ID #1991-0169: 102



GRIFFITHS ASH

Fraxinus griffithii

Located in our Sino-Himalayan area.

Native to Asia and India, this flowering tree is often planted as an ornamental specimen in gardens. It is a fast-growing, drought-tolerant tree that embodies strength and endurance. Also known as the Himalayan Ash or Evergreen Ash.

Map #10 ID #1981-0111:123



OYAMA MAGNOLIA

Magnolia sieboldii

Located along the Rhododendron walk

This nicely shaped Magnolia flaunts fragrant, cup-shaped white flowers with crimson stamens in the Spring. Magnolias are believed to be the earliest known flowering plants, with their fossils dating back over 100 million years.

Map #11 ID #2011-0105: 86



GOLDENRAIN TREE

Koelreuteria paniculata

Located in the Sino-Himalayan area.

The Goldenrain tree is a deciduous tree, native to East Asia, that is covered with panicles of small yellow flowers in early summer. Seen from a distance, the tree looks yellow while in bloom. The flowers turn into papery seed pods that resemble small lanterns.

Map #12 ID #1987-0450: 122



DAWSON'S MAGNOLIA

Magnolia dawsoniana 'Barbara Cook'

Located in our Sino-Himalayan area.

This magnolia produces masses of huge pale pink flowers in early spring. The unusual trunk formation is a result of grafting. Magnolias have 'tepals' which is a combination of sepals and petals. Tepal structure is strong, to support the weight of the beetles that pollinate them.

Map #13 ID #1980-1084: 127D



EUROPEAN ASH

Fraxinus excelsior 'Allgold'

Part of the Ash collection located on the the Great Lawn.

This striking tree has golden yellow twigs and contrasting black buds. The light green leaves turn gold in late summer and early fall. It has traditionally been used in herbal medicine to treat fever.

Map #14 ID #2001-0071:104



HYBRID WITCH HAZEL

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Feuerzauber'
Fire Charm

Located in our Sino-Himalayan area.

This variety of Witch Hazel is called Fire Charm due to the fiery red flowers that bloom in the winter, before foliage emerges. The leaves turn vibrant shades of orange and red in fall. These trees attract visitors at winter's end, who come to smell the amazing scent the blooms exude.

Map #15 ID #1978-0373: 127D



AINO MULBERRY

Morus australis

Located in our Sino-Himalayan area.

This tree is sometimes called Korean mulberry or Chinese mulberry and is native to East and Southeast Asia. Its fibrous bark is used to make paper, and its berries are edible and are packed with antioxidants.

Map #16 ID #1990-0600: 128



JAPANESE ANGELICA TREE

Aralia elata

Next to the small pond in the Fern Dell

Located right in the centre of the 'Jurassic Park' looking area of the Garden, this shiny Angelica tree has a real jungle feel to it. A member of the Gingseng family, the shoots of this tree are edible and often eaten fried.

Map #17 ID # 1975-0098: 130D



WHITEBARK PINE

Pinus albicaulis 'Algonquin Pillar'

Near the Bird Garden

An endangered species, this native species is known for being the highest-elevation Pine tree found in mountain ranges, often marking the tree line. A valuable food source to many critters, Parks Canada are working to protect the Whitebark Pine and ensure its survival.

Map #18 ID #1990-0525: 96A



CUTLEAF PURPLE BEECH

Fagus sylvatica 'Rohanii'

Located on the Great Lawn in the Beech collection near the Lathhouse.

This towering Beech flaunts reddish leaves in the spring that transform into a deep burgundy colour as the weather warms. Large and sheltering, this is a great tree to enjoy a book or a picnic beneath.

Map #19 ID #1978-0175:102



BLUE ATLAS CEDAR

Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca Group'

Located next to the Woodland garden in the Cedar collection near a bench.

This tree is native to the Atlas Mountains in northern Africa, and its unique blue-ish silver needles are evergreen. Located by the Roy Forster pond in a patch of spring Hellebore and Crocus, the ground beneath it becomes a sea of purple at winter's end.

Map #20 ID #1973-0642:33



BLACK PINE

Pinus nigra

At the top of a wood chip path, behind a bench overlooking the Rose Garden

Fast growing with a life span of over 500 years, the Black Pine tree has often been used for timber and paper manufacturing. This particular tree boasts a secluded location to sit and view (or smell) the Rose Garden.

Map #21 ID #1975-0051: 55



WHITE ASH

Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple'

Located in the Autumn Stroll area of the garden.

The White Ash is the largest of the native ashes, typically growing over 24 metres tall. It has striking yellow and orange fall colour and distinctive diamond-shaped ridging on its bark.

Map #22 ID #1994-0103: 107T



BALD CYPRESS

Taxodium distichum

Located on an island viewable from the Roy Forster bridge.

Unlike most cone-bearing trees, the bald-cypress needles turn a russet-red color in the fall before falling off during the winter. They develop unique root structures called "knees" or pneumatophores, which are woody projections that rise above the ground or water, thought to help the tree breathe and stabilize in a wide range of soil types.

Map #23 ID #1972-0387: 31



SNAKEBARK MAPLE

Acer maximowiczii

Easily viewable by cart or wheelchair from a large paved path

This fascinating variety of Maple is named after its striking bark, which resembles a snake's skin. Vibrant green from head to toe, its serrated leaves create a mesmerizing canopy during the growing season.

Map #24 ID #2014-0239: 122



YUZURI-HA

Daphniphyllum macropodum

On the Rhododendron Walk.

Found in China, Japan, and Korea, this shrub is known for its red petioles and showy foliage. The wood is often used for utensils, and the leaves and shoots have been used for new year's decorations in Japan, as well as serving many purposes in Korean traditional medicine.

Map #25 ID #2000-0080:485



RED HORSE CHESTNUT

Aesculus x carnea 'Briotii'

Near the Southern Hemisphere and Roy Forster Pond.

Large, candle shaped clusters of red blooms adorn this impressive tree in May-June. In the fall, spiky green fruit appear, housing 1-2 shiny brown chestnuts, also known as 'conkers'. In Great Britain and Ireland, conkers are used in a traditional game.

Map #26 ID #1975-0062: 32

Whether your tree gives you a place to visit while remembering a loved one, helps you celebrate a special occasion, or is a gift for someone you care for - your adoption allows your love to take root, and your memories to live on.

A Living Memorial

Jan's Journey

It's a fresh, bright day at VanDusen Botanical Garden, and member Jan Miko is here to enjoy it. She stands midway between two majestic trees in the North American Woods. The trees — a Southern Magnolia and a Hybrid Buckeye — are close to each other, and their roots are surely entwined. That connection is significant, for these are not just two more trees among many.

They are Jan's trees — the ones she chose through the Adopt-a-Tree Program to pay tribute to her mother, her father, and their love for each other. "This," says Jan, opening her arms to the Garden, "is a place of vitality, growth, transformation. The trees are a living memorial — a way for us to have a living relationship with people who are no longer physically present."

Jan sought solace in the Garden when her mother died. "It was my place to mourn and grieve, and feel close to my mother, I knew mom would appreciate a living tribute." Jan contacted the VBGA and was given a personal tour of the grounds, which allowed her to select a tree and location she knew her mom would like. "When my father died this April, it seemed only right to adopt that Buckeye close to my mom's Magnolia."

Now, standing between the two, wearing her mother's garnet necklace and her father's beloved Hudson Bay jacket, she thinks about those entwined tree roots and the power of the Adopt-a-Tree Program. "It makes me happy to visit the trees, it makes me happy to bring friends here, and it makes me happy to know my donation also supports the Garden."

Written by Penny Williams

