Bond Park Tree ID Trail

Bond Park is a wooded oasis of native trees in the middle of Cary that preserves a beautiful natural setting of 310 acres.

Red Mulberry:
- Height: 20-30’h, 2’d
- Leaf: 3-5”, green, yellow, alternate
- Fruit: 1-1.5” red, purple
- Flower: yellow green head
- Bark: reddish dark brown
- Wood: fencing, barrels
- Site: rich soils

Redbud:
- Height: 15-30’h, 6-10”d
- Leaf: 3-5”, 3-5 alternate heart shaped
- Fruit: oblong pod 2-4”
- Flower: clusters - red pea like
- Bark: gray to black
- Wood: ornamental tree
- Site: borders, valleys

American Holly:
- Height: 15-40’h, 1-2’d
- Leaf: 2-4”, glossy green
- Fruit: red berry, food - song birds, deer, wild turkeys
- Bark: gray, smooth
- Wood: inlays, interior finish
- Site: well drained soils

Understory trees 10 – 40’ h

Flowering Dogwood:
- Height: 10-20’h, 4-6”d
- State Flower
- Leaf: 3-5”, green, opposite
- Fruit: 1/2” red oval drupe
- Flower: yellow green head
- Bark: small blocks
- Wood: handles, spindles
- Site: everywhere

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**American Sycamore:** 80-110’h, 3-8’ d
- Leaf: 4-7” long, broad, 3-4 lobes, toothed
- Fruit: 1” ball
- Bark: mottled, peels to white
- Wood: furniture, interior finish
- Site: streams, low lands

**Loblolly Pine:** 90-110’h, 2-3’d
- Leaf: 2-6”, slender, stiff, green
- Needles: cone 2-6”, spine at tip of scale
- Fruit: red-brown, thick flat plates
- Wood: lumber, plywood, pilings
- Site: everywhere

**Yellow Poplar:** 90-110’h, 2-5’d
- Leaf: 5-6” long, broad, 4 lobes
- Fruit: food for deer, squirrels
- Bark: light gray, thick, furrowed
- Wood: trim, veneers
- Site: everywhere

**Red Maple:** 40-70’h, 1.5-2.5’d
- Leaf: 2-6”, 3-5 lobes, toothed
- Fruit: red winged V, deer, squirrel food
- Flower: short stem cluster
- Bark: gray, vertical ridges, scales
- Wood: furniture, pulpwood
- Site: everywhere

**Sweetgum:** 60-80’h, 2-3’d
- Leaf: 5-7”, 5 lobes toothed
- Fruit: golf ball sized beaked capsules
- Flower: yellow orange
- Bark: light gray, corky scales
- Wood: furniture, chip board
- Site: everywhere

**White Ash:** 70-80’h, 2-3’d
- Leaf: 8-12”, 5 – 9 leaflets 3-5”, opposite
- Fruit: 1-2” crowded clusters
- Flower: compact panicles
- Bark: gray diamond furrows, ridges
- Wood: tools, bats, oars, furniture
- Site: well drained

**Black Oak:** 50-80’h, 3’+d
- Leaf: 5-7 toothed lobes, green, yellow
- Fruit: acorn 1/2-3/4”, light brown, 1/2 scaly cap
- Bark: thick, dark, round ridges
- Wood: furniture, timber
- Site: well drained

**Post Oak:** 40-50’h, 1-2’d
- Leaf: 4-6” 5 lobes flat ends, cross-like, green, yellow
- Fruit: acorn .5-.75”, 1/3 scaly
- Bark: rough dark small scales
- Wood: furniture, flooring, ships
- Site: well drained very dry

**White Oak:** 80-100’h, 3-4’d
- Leaf: 5-7”, 7-9 rounded lobes, green, yellow
- Fruit: acorn <1”, brown warty cap
- Bark: ash, loose scales
- Wood: furniture, flooring, ships
- Site: well drained

**American Elm:** 75-100’h, 2-5’ d
- Leaf: 4-6” oval, long point, rough texture, toothed
- Fruit: cluster long stem, seed in flat papery wing like covering
- Bark: gray irregular flat ridges
- Wood: furniture
- Site: bottom lands, fertile

**Winged Elm:** 40-50’h, 1-2’d
- Leaf: 1.5-3.5” oblong oval, pointed, rough texture, toothed, wings on twigs
- Fruit: samaras 1/3” orange-red, tip-2 long curving awns
- Bark: brown, irregular flat ridges and fissures
- Wood: furniture, crates, boxes
- Site: well drained

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**Why Native Trees matter?**
- **Thrive in our local environment**
- **Require less water and fertilizer**
- **Produce clean air for people and wildlife**
- **Provide food and shelter for wildlife**
- **Support and connect the intricate web of life**

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Legend: h: height, d: diameter ≤: less or equal to

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