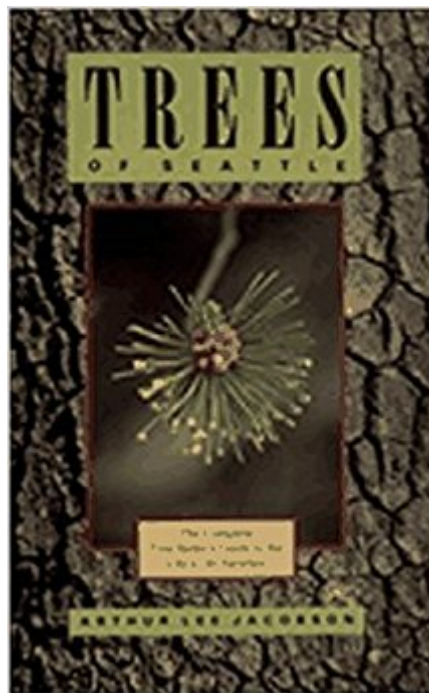




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Trees Of Seattle: The Complete Tree-Finder's Guide To The City's 740 Varieties



Synopsis

With listings from Acacia to Zelkova, this is the most comprehensive guide to trees in the Northwest. A delight to read, combining legends and lore with tips on care and planting, this guide is a must for exploring the city's green spaces or your own back yard.

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Truly a one-of-a-kind reference. It's very very thorough, and if you come across a tree in Seattle and have a faint idea of what it might be, this book will help guide you there. However, it's lacking in images or sketches of the trees listed. The whole book is written words, and only a small section in the middle has a smattering of pictures of some of the trees, but they're pics from a distance and they're really not helpful. This makes it very difficult to use as a stand-alone reference of field guide. I find myself constantly having to look up these plants online to see what they actually look like, as we all know, written descriptions of plants are not adequate. Trying to i.d. something out in the world with this book is extremely difficult and frustrating. Still, it's such a wealth of information about the 750-ish tree varieties in Seattle that there's really nothing at all like it.

What an amazing book!!! Thank you Arthur Lee Jacobson for writing this and giving the nature loving Seattleites a chance to discover and learn about fantastic trees all over the city.

After a disappointing search online for a good book on trees this gem caught my attention. It was the perfect gift for our daughter and son-in-law who just moved to Seattle and walk everywhere.

When this book was published in 1990, it virtually created a new genre: the local tree guide. By combining clear, simple descriptions of hundreds of local area species (about 30 native, and the rest ornamental) and providing information on where you could go see the tree, it became possible for people to both learn a wide variety of trees and to learn more about the natural heritage of a place - in this case, Seattle. A second edition of this book has just (February 2006) been published; it contains almost twice as many species, many more color photographs, and a far longer list of specimen trees.

This is not a field guide in the conventional sense. Everyone in Seattle should own a copy, and no one else needs to, except for the addictive pleasure of browsing its obsessively detailed and bottomlessly expert entries. The unique heart of the book is the inclusion of thousands of specific exemplars in Seattle. Clearly, a life's work, and one that can never be finished.

We use this book whenever we are thinking about planting a tree in our yard. For some reason, everything seems to grow far bigger than the nursery tags indicate, and many species look far different when young than as more mature trees. It's great to be able to see not only pictures, but to be able to drive to specific locations to see the tree in a mature state, as it may look in our own yard in many years. That's prevented a few "mistakes" in selection.

This book is great. We use it at least a couple of times a week for ecological restoration.

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