



NOTABLE TREES OF MAPLEWOOD: SELF-GUIDED TOUR

**A CLOSER LOOK AT MAPLEWOOD'S RICH "TREESCAPE"
BY CERTIFIED TREE EXPERT, TODD LAMM**



BLACK WALNUT

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Please refer to the Guide Map (on reverse) for the exact location of each tree. All trees are visible from the street so please do not enter the homeowners' property without permission.

1. **Ailanthus** — Corner of Ridgewood Rd. and Hoffman St. Tallest tree at this corner. Also called the Tree-of-Heaven or "The tree that grows in Brooklyn", because it will literally grow anywhere.



HORSE CHESTNUT

2. **Horse Chestnut** — Near the street at 455 Ridgewood Rd. White upright flowers in the spring and a full dense crown.

3. **Persimmons** — On Ridgewood Rd., opposite Dehart Rd., these twin trees bear fruit in late summer.

4. **Black Walnut** — In front of the Timothy Ball House, 425 Ridgewood Rd. Take a moment to read the historical plaque on the back of this great old tree,

where George Washington is said to have tied his horse when visiting the Ball family.

5. **White Oak** — Next to the residence at 2 St. Lawrence Ave., corner of Kendall Ave. Wood from white oaks are used for wine casks. Note the magnificent spreading crown. This tree is probably about 150 years old.

6. **Cedar** — 9 Mountain Ave., below Ridgewood Rd. Note the "witch's broom" or "tree-within-a-tree" at the top - an example of excessive growth caused by fungus or insects.

7. **Zelkova** — Heading up Baker St. near Ridgewood Rd. the last tree on your right. Probably the oldest Zelkova in town. Zelkova trees were often used as replacements for American Elms.

8. **Tulip** — Brook Lane, inbound, halfway down on the left. Tall double-tree.

9. **Northern Red Oak** — In front of Burgdorff Realtor's at Maplewood Ave. and Durand Rd. Note the large root buttress and spreading crown.



RED OAK

10. **White Ash** — Top of the amphitheater in Memorial Park, opposite the train station. A beautiful spreading tree, whose durable wood is used for snowshoes and baseball bats. [See another at the entrance to the Durand-Hedden House driveway, 523 Ridgewood Rd.]

11. **Ginkgo** — Behind the main library. Also, called the Maidenhair Tree. This tree produces massive amounts of odoriferous fruit in the fall.

12. **Box Elder** — West corner of the bridge over the stream on Baker St. Also called Ash Leaf Maple. Probably the oldest and largest Box Elder in town.



BOX ELDER

13. **Metasequoia** — South corner of Memorial Park by Baker Street. Fast growing deciduous tree (although it looks

like an evergreen). Note the tall straight trunk.

14. **American Elm** — On the front lawn of Town Hall. Beautiful spreading tree. Unfortunately, most of the elms in North America succumbed to Dutch Elm disease in the past century.

15. **Swamp White Oak** — Adjacent to the "Dragon Pit" play area on Oakview Rd. in Memorial Park. Note the difference in the leaves from the White Oak. This double-trunk tree is another centurion.

16. **Sycamores** — West of the Civic House across from Police Headquarters. The sycamores in this area are massive. They thrive on moisture from the stream.



SYCAMORE

17. **American Beech** — In front of the residence at 693 Prospect St. Not much is left of this old-timer. Try to imagine this tree with its entire crown. It must have been spectacular.

18. **Black Oak** — Behind the house at 234 Hilton Ave. (between Prospect & Indiana). A Tall, stately example.



CATALPA

19. **Catalpa** — Burnett Ave. opposite Florida St. In the spring the tree is covered with white flowers. Note the large leaves and "string-bean" like seedpods.

20. **Pin Oaks** — Throughout Maplecrest Park. Good, durable wood used for shipbuilding and other construction in the 18th century.

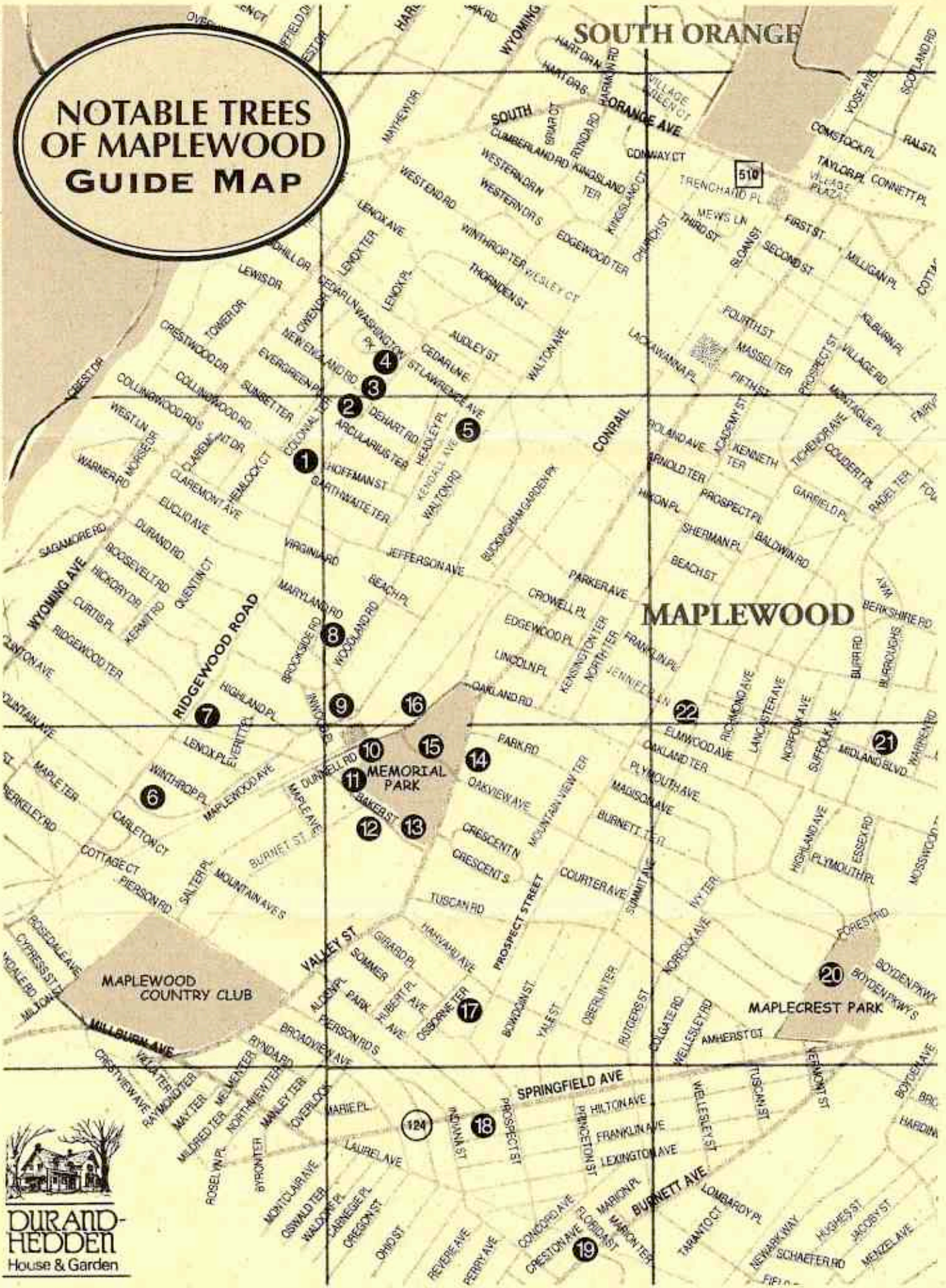
21. **Sawtooth Oak** — At the East corner of Highland Ave. and Midland Blvd. This is quite a handsome tree.

22. **Sassafras** — In front of the residence at 557 Summit Ave. Note the three types of leaves on the tree.



SASSAFRAS

NOTABLE TREES OF MAPLEWOOD GUIDE MAP



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