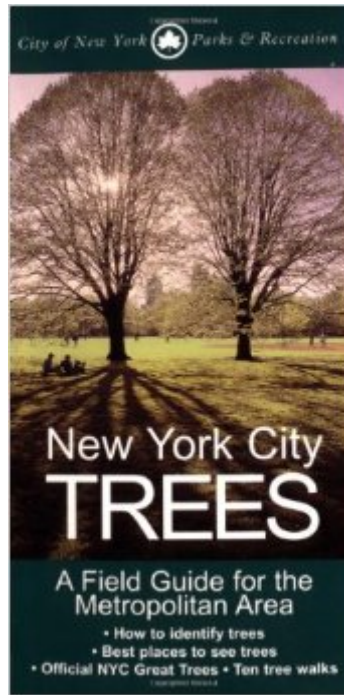


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# New York City Trees



## Synopsis

If you're not a tree lover now, this pocket-sized gem •dedicated to the idea that every species of tree has a story and every individual tree has a history• will make you one. Produced in consultation with the City's Parks and Recreation department and the New York Tree Trust, this book is a reference to the stories of New York City's trees, complete with photographs, tree silhouettes, leaf and fruit morphologies, and charming and informative explanatory texts. It is divided into four sections: "The Best Places to See Trees," full of insider's tips and helpful maps; "New York City's Great Trees," a directory of the oldest, strangest, most beautiful trees; "The Tree Guide," arranged for ease of identification by leaf shape and size; and, finally, "Sources and Resources" for future investigation. With over 700 beautiful color photographs, drawings, and detailed maps, this is the ultimate field guide to the trees of the Big Apple and the metropolitan region.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is amazing. I've just started to pursue my interest in trees in the past year. I'm surprised at how difficult it is to be sure you're looking at the particular species you think you're looking at. Not a problem with this book. Tree walks (with maps!) in parks in all the five boroughs tell you exactly what you're looking at. The book lists the best trees in every borough and pin points where to find them. Who knew there was a White Oak with a diameter of 64 inches beside the 18th hole of the split rock golf course that may be more than 200 years old? Well, now I do. Aside from all the unusual, unexpected information, you'll also find an excellently rendered standard tree guide that you'd expect in any good field guide. If you live in New York City and want to know more about

trees, get this book.

This is a superb pocketable book that gives the full lowdown of trees in the metro area. Full color throughout - lovely photos and enough trees included to be pretty well all you need for much of the Northeast. If you believe that trees are also about the most important contributor to a beautiful environment, then this book also serves as a good guide to the most beautiful places to visit in the NY area (including NJ, Long Island and Westchester county).

Excellent bound and water resistant for those rainy tree-identifying expeditions. The author shares interesting background on our parks and how they relate to the history of NYC. I've not walked a park walk yet, but their promise has me looking forward to spring and summer excursions. I found the tree data (leaf, young bark, mature bark, fruit, crown shape, and where to locate examples in and around NYC) sufficient to make many local identifications so far. One would presumably have an existing interest in tree identification to go and buy a book like this. However, if given as an unexpected gift, there is enough sincerity and information that it just might spark an interest in finding and knowing the wonderful, living trees that cohabitate with us in NYC.

I now can go from one end of the year to another almost without ever seeing a tree I can't identify, thanks to this book. The book is like having an infinitely patient teacher with you: rather than just a list of species or a series of pictures of leaves (or bark, etc.), it identifies the most salient features of each species, noting key distinctions among similar species (you might not know that you can tell a sugar maple from a norway maple, despite their near-identical leaves, by plucking a leaf and looking at the sap, for instance, unless you read it here). What is more, if you are having problems with a particular type of tree, he gives the locations of specimens so you can see them in person (when you are in New York!). The selected species are excellent as well, because many species in an urban environment are non-native, and so typical "field guides" are not useful. A magnificent guide and introduction to horticulture and the love of plants. A must for a New Yorker, and probably the most useful tree identification guide for the Northeast in general. I think its format should become the standard for guidebooks. Using this book, it is very easy to go from zero tree knowledge to knowing hundreds of species at sight.

I've borrowed many field guides ranging from flowers to birds to clouds. I wish the format of this guide was the standard. It is very easy to use. The information within is very helpful. If you are a

NYC plein air artist I recommend you invest in this guide.

This is a necessary book for tree lovers who find themselves in Gotham, but it is also useful for less arboreal types who are tired of asking themselves "what kind of tree is that big thing with scaly bark", or whatever. The book is arranged by types of tree, and has large and detailed pictures of the trees' leaves. It also has smaller pictures of the whole tree, but it is the leaf that is going to tell you what it is. Great to shove in your pocket when you are heading for the park.

This book sits on my coffee table as well. I just can't get enough of anything to do with New York. I will be going back many more times if my health permits. There is just so much more to see and no matter how many times I go, I will never see everything. But no matter what I need, is my store to go to. Thank you . Pam Spector.

If you live in the NYC area and like trees or even nature, this book is a must read. Nature Guides are often very difficult to use and identify your subject, but this one shines. On the inside cover is a quick reference to easily determine which of 15 groups your tree belongs to. From there it's just as simple to make the final determination. The book is also full of great information about the trees themselves and the parks in the area.

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