GRAD APPRECIATION WEEK

Corvallis Campus Tree Walk

1. European Beech
Fagus sylvatica

These four trees can be identified by their smooth, gray bark and the spiny pods they produce in fall. If you peel open these pods, you will find an edible beech nut!

2. Dawn Redwood
Metasequoia glyptostroboides

This giant tree is Oregon's state fossil and leaf impressions can be found in the fossil beds of Central Oregon. It was believed to be long extinct until the species was found alive and well in China in 1943.

3. American Elm
Ulmus americana

Elm trees once lined the streets all across the United States, but many died from Dutch Elm Disease which was introduced to North America in the 1930s. These trees survived, and one of them is over 100 years old!

4. Giant Sequoia
Sequioiadendron giganteum

These giants can grow to be the largest trees in the word and are native to the Sierra Nevada mountains in California. Aside from size, these trees can be identified by their reddish-brown bark and egg-shaped cones.

5. Gingko
Ginkgo biloba

The Ginkgo is native to China and has distinct fan-shaped leaves. This remarkable tree has a fossil record extending back 270 million years! Be careful not to touch the fruit, as it can cause a skin reaction similar to Poison Oak.

6. Douglas Fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii

The Douglas Fir is Oregon's state tree, but this particular tree is special because the seed it grew from orbited the moon during the Apollo 14 mission! Around 450 "moon trees" are planted around the world.

7a. Persian Ironwood
Parrotia persica

The mottled brown bark of this species peels away to reveal smooth silver and cream-colored bark underneath. It flowers in winter and has distinctive clusters of red stamens, making it easy to identify in this season.

7b. Japanese Stewartia
Stewartia pseudocamellia

This tree has unusual exfoliated bark that creates a distinctive patchwork of gray, orange, and brown. In summer, it has large white flowers and the leaves turn brilliant red and orange in the fall.

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