

Trees of Dimond Park

This key is an introduction to trees around the meadow (or lawn) & pool areas of Dimond Park. The land for 13-acre Dimond Park was purchased by the City of Oakland in 1917. The larger trees were likely planted decades ago. Many are non-natives. The park was completely redeveloped with new landscaping in the 1950's. Dimond Park includes specimens of the largest tree in the world & the tallest. The dawn redwood is the last surviving member of an ancient genus. Some trees are in obvious decline and many mature trees were lost this past winter. Part of the huge oak near the tot lot split off in June 2017. The remaining tree was felt to be hazardous & has been taken down.

Start tree tour at main entrance on Fruitvale Ave.

	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	Oregon ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	seed enclosed in winged structure
2	Wax-leaf privet	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	evergreen, often used as hedge
3	Incense cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	fragrant foliage & wood, not a true cedar
4	Coast live oak*	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	acorns important food source for Native Americans
5	London plane	<i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	common street tree, often mistaken for a sycamore, distinctive bark
6	Cherry laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	evergreen with glossy leaves, often planted as a hedge
7	Dawn redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	coniferous, deciduous, around during time of dinosaurs
8	Coast redwood*	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	world's largest tree
9	Mock orange	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	fragrant white flowers
10	European beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European shade tree
11	Southern magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	evergreen, large shiny leaves & white flowers
12	Large leaf linden	<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	European shade tree, heart shaped leaves
13	Blue atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>	silvery bluish needles, Native to Atlas mountains of Morocco
14	Giant sequoia	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	world's largest tree
15	Monterey pine	<i>Pinus radiata</i>	cones only open with heat of forest fire, or hot weather
16	California buckeye*	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	fragrant white flowers, summer deciduous - loses leaves in July
17	New Zealand tea tree	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	scrub-type tree, called Manuka in NZ, many medicinal uses
18	Tulip tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	deciduous, tulip-like yellow flowers bloom in spring
19	Italian stone pine	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	distinctive reddish brown deeply fissured bark, umbrella-like canopy

*Native to this part of California

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