



Great Trees of London and London street trees

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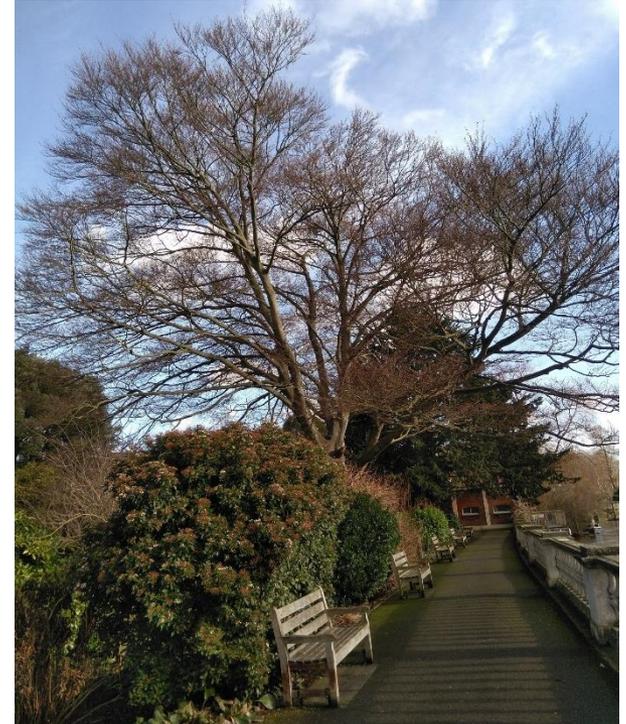


After the storm of 1987 millions of trees were lost, many of them a familiar part of the urban landscape. In response Londoners were asked to nominate the “Great Trees of London” that had managed to survive the storms.

Altogether 41 trees were given Great Tree status in 1988 and there were a further 20 added in 2008. Today there are 54 Great Trees in London each with their own plaque. Many are old, some are unusual but all were nominated because they are well known and loved by Londoners.

The trees are all listed here, take a look and see if there is one near you or if there are any that you recognise.

<https://foursquare.com/kevan/list/the-great-trees-of-london>



The Cut Leaf Beech in York House Gardens situated on a riverside terrace is a link to the landscaping of the historic gardens. The tree dates from a time when it was a grand private residence.

Great Trees of London



Do you have a “Great Tree”?
We’d love to know about it.
Send us a photo.

The Richmond Park Royal Oak can be found near the Pen Ponds. It is thought to be around 750 years old and is one of at least 300 ancient trees in the park. King Edward I was on the throne when this tree was a sapling.



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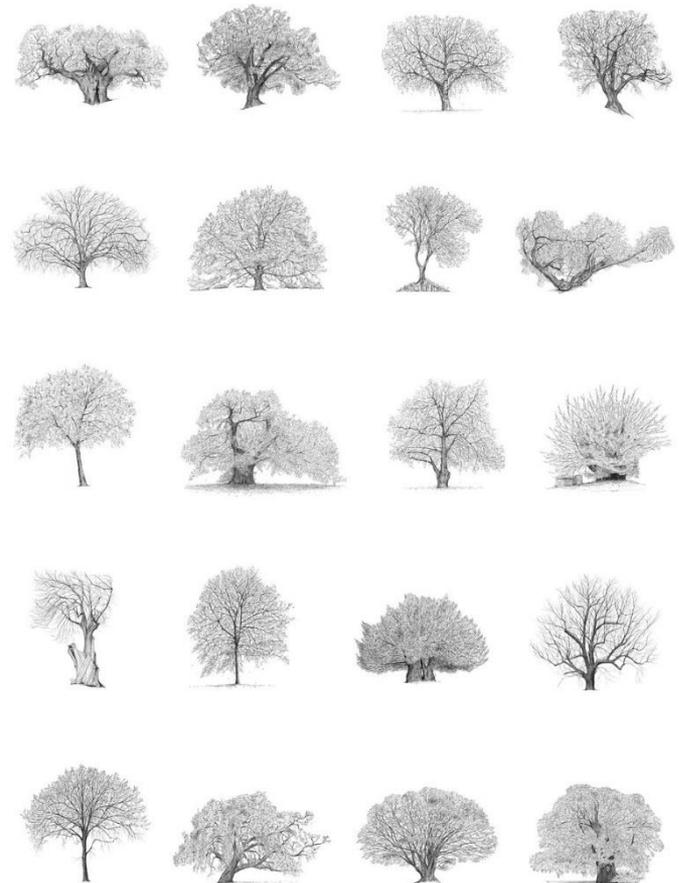


Luke Adam Hawker an artist and illustrator has set himself the task of drawing all of the Great Trees of London as a visual record of the trees. He hasn't finished yet but there are over 20 included on his website.

<http://www.lukeadamhawker.com/the-great-trees-of-london/>

Take inspiration from these detailed drawings and try to draw a tree that you can see in your garden or in the street. There are some good instructions and video clips to show you how to do this. We'd love to see what you draw.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omRC3CB>
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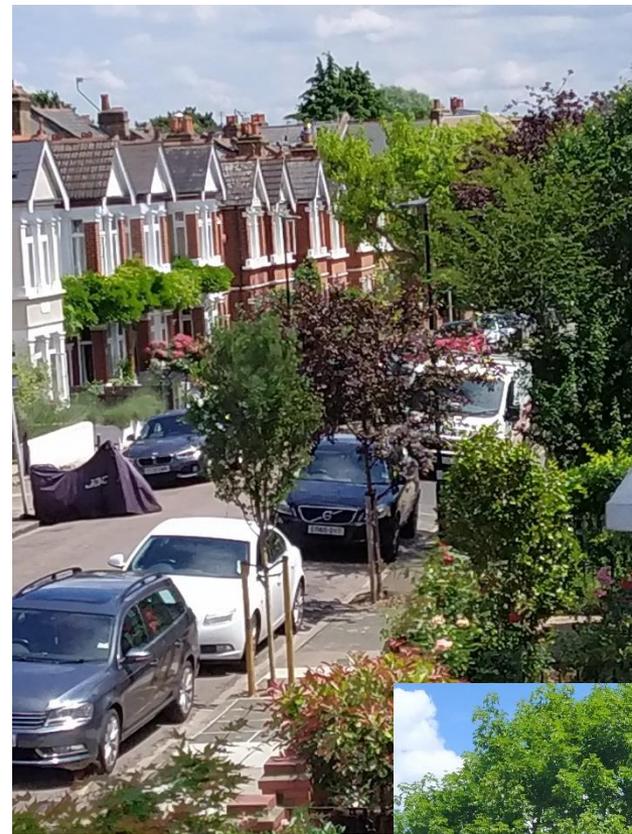


Street Trees of London

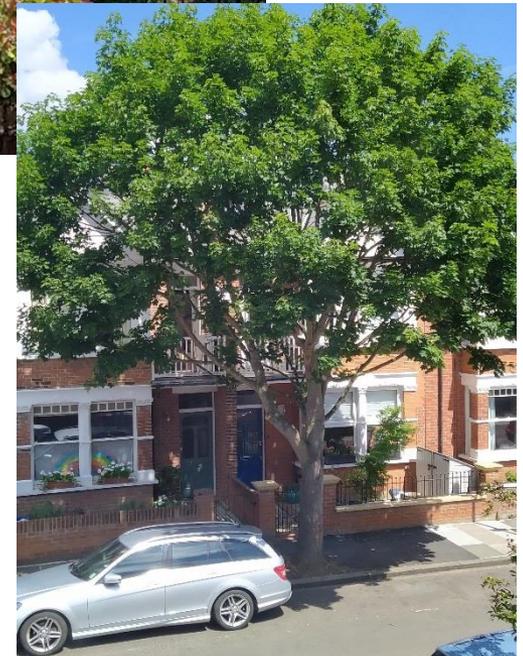
There is a long tradition of planting street trees in London and there is a huge diversity of different species. Many like the London Plane trees are older than most of the buildings in the city.

As well as looking good they create habitat in an urban area, help air quality and moderate the urban climate.

Take a look at the street trees near your home and create a record. You could choose one to record over the year or investigate the different species of trees that you come across.



Street and garden trees create a mosaic of habitat in an urban environment



The Richmond Plane is the tallest London Plane in the capital and is one of the Great Trees of London.