Tree Tour BT2. Southwestern Campus Big Trees

Welcome to the University of Nevada Reno Arboretum tree tours. My name is Rod Haulenbeek, AKA "The Tree Hunter." I am the host for this tour.

This is the "Southwestern Campus Big Trees" Tree Tour. It starts at the Mackay Statue, heads toward Morrill Hall, goes around it, heads toward the Center Street Parking Area and Center Street Entrance, turns right and tours trees along Ninth Street, turns right and goes between Manzanita Hall and Manzanita Lake to the Jot Travis parking lot, then goes right to the area between the Frandsen Building and Ross Hall.

For more information on the various attributes of Big Trees, go to the Frequently Asked Questions Link on "Rod's Tree Tour."

Also, I am giving you the number of points the National Champion has, so you can see how the UNR trees "stack up." If a tree doesn't have a National Champion, I shall tell you so.

Okay, let's get started.

From the Mackay Statue, walk south on the west sidewalk of the Quad to its end, then to halfway along Morrill Hall. The large tree between the sidewalk and Morrill at number 1 on the map is:

**Ohio Buckeye**
Scientific name: *Aesculus glabra*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 52 inches
Height: 67 feet
Average Spread: 29 feet
Total Points: 126
National Champion: 275 points

Cross the parking lot in front of Morrill. The large tree at the edge of the parking lot to the right of the flagpole at number 2 on the map has a sign on it. It is:

**Scotch Elm**
Scientific name: *Ulmus glabra*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 164 inches
Height: 101 feet
Average Spread: 82 feet
Total Points: 285
National Champion: none

Turn right toward the Center Street Entrance and walk on the sidewalk to the large weeping tree at number 3. This is:
**Cutleaf Weeping Birch**
Scientific name: *Betula pendula 'Fastigiata'*
Type Big Tree: Co-champion
Circumference at breast height: 83 inches
Height: 49 feet
Average Spread: 43 feet
Total Points: 143
National Champion: none

Cross the Center Street Entrance, heading toward Clark Administration Building. There is a tree with compound leaves about 40 feet south of the southeast corner of the building and about 30 feet from the street at number 4. It is:

**White Ash**
Scientific name: *Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple'*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 51 inches
Height: 43 feet
Average Spread: 45 feet
Total Points: 110
National Champion: 409 points

Cross the street at the Orr Ditch and head on the sidewalk toward Ninth Street. There are two trees in the middle of the lawn about 100 feet away. The tree on the left, at number 5, has compound leaves. It is:

**Green Ash**
Scientific name: *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 118 inches
Height: 108 feet
Average Spread: 69 feet
Total Points: 243
National Champion: 395 points

The tree on the right, at number 6, is:

**Siberian Elm**
Scientific name: *Ulmus pumila*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 155 inches
Height: 110 feet
Average Spread: 64 feet
Total Points: 281
National Champion: 398 points

Go to the southeast corner of the Center Street Entrance and Ninth Street. The second large conifer from the corner, at number 7, is:

**White Spruce**
Scientific name: *Picea glauca*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 83 inches
Height: 74 feet
Average Spread: 33 feet
Total Points: 165
National Champion: 287 points

Cross the Center Street Entrance and go on the sidewalk next to Ninth Street. The fourth large tree, at number 8, is:

**European White Elm**
Scientific name: *Ulmus laevis*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 111 inches
Height: 68 feet
Average Spread: 39 feet
Total Points: 189
National Champion: none

Continue along the sidewalk to the first tree you see about 50 feet right of the sidewalk (and about 100 feet from North Virginia Street), at number 9. It is:

**European Spindle Tree**
Scientific name: *Euonymus europaeus*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 42 inches
Height: 25 feet
Average Spread: 27 feet
Total Points: 74
National Champion: none

Go to North Virginia Street and take the sidewalk past the Orr Ditch. Go on a sidewalk around the right side of the building ahead (Manzanita Hall). Where the sidewalk splits between the building and Manzanita Lake, take the left path and then a small path leading to an alcove in the building. On the left of the small path, at number 10, is a tree with green leaves. It is:
American Hornbeam
Scientific name: *Carpinus caroliniana*
Type Big Tree: Up-and-coming
Circumference at breast height: 15 inches
Height: 27 feet
Average Spread: 19 feet
Total Points: 47
National Champion: 235 points

The tall thin tree across the small path, at number 11, is:

Kobus Magnolia
Scientific name: *Magnolia kobus*
Type Big Tree: Up-and-coming
Circumference at breast height: 14 inches
Height: 25 feet
Average Spread: 16 feet
Total Points: 43
National Champion: none

Continue on the sidewalk about 300 feet to a parking lot. Between the parking lot and the street, at number 12, is:

Crabapple
Scientific name: *Malus sp.*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 98 inches
Height: 25 feet
Average Spread: 34 feet
Total Points: 135
National Champion: none

From the parking lot, go between the Jot Travis Building and Manzanita Lake on a curved sidewalk which leads to a wide sidewalk on your left after about 150 feet. The building to the left is the Frandsen Humanities Building. Where this sidewalk intersects another wide sidewalk, turn left and go about 50 feet past the Jones Center to the corner of the next building, Ross Hall. There, at number 13, is:

Purpleblow Maple
Scientific name: *Acer truncatum*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 69 inches
Height: 53 feet
Average Spread: 42 feet
Total Points: 142
National Champion: none

Continue along Ross Hall to the second tree which appears to have 1/2 inch cones at number 14. Go to the fourth tree. This is:

**Black (or European) Alder**

*Scientific name: Alnus glutinosa*  
*Type champion: Co-champion*  
*Circumference at breast height: 56 inches*  
*Height: 56 feet*  
*Average Spread: 23 feet*  
*Total Points: 118*  
*National Champion: 211 points*

This concludes the "Southwestern Campus Big Trees" Tree Tour. Thank you for joining me on this tour. If you would like to support the Arboretum, please see the options on the “Donate” link on the UNR Arboretum website.