

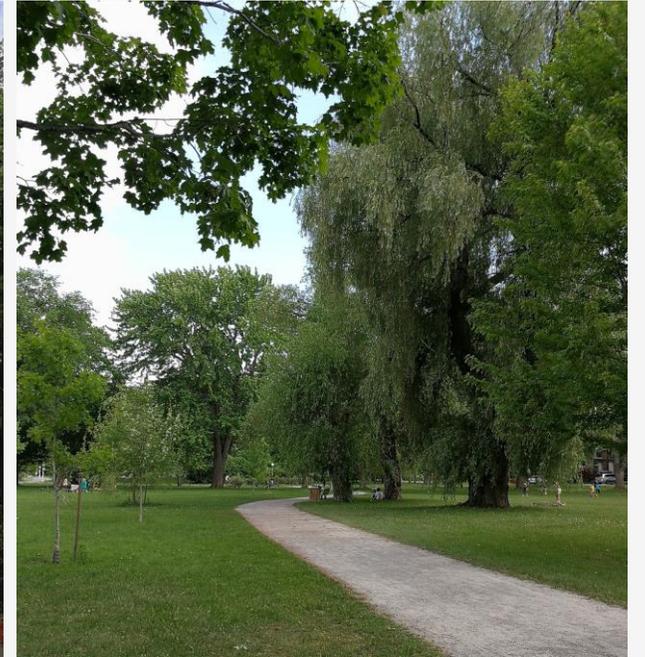
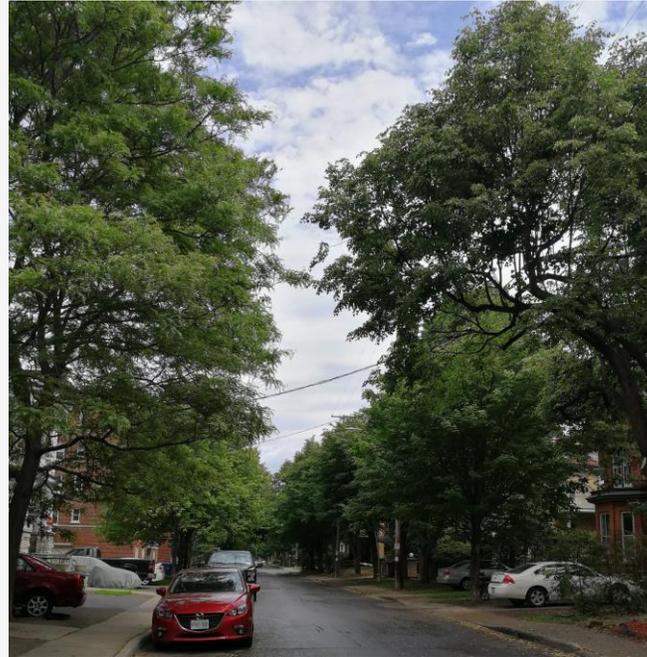
Sandy Hill – Notable Trees

This is the third set of slides on various types of plants people might see as they stroll Sandy Hill streets and parks in June. When you recognize a tree, you might post a photo or compliment the gardener on Instagram.



Sandy Hill – Streetscapes and Parks

Sandy Hill streetscapes and parks include some tall, stately trees, such as maples, lindens, oaks, honeylocusts, willows, spruces and pines. Memorial trees for various people can also be found in Strathcona Park.



Sandy Hill Trees - Notable, Distinctive and/or Heritage

Now that the early spring blossoms have passed, other interesting or note-worthy trees are featured here.

A few are distinctive trees, which should get special protection from nearby development. Council has approved new criteria for distinctive trees in the inner urban area, dropping trunk width at chest height from 50 to 30 cm, starting 2021 in a new Tree Protection By-law.

A Heritage Tree Bylaw is being developed by the City.



Ginkgo or Maidenhair Tree

Ginkgo trees were growing during the time of the dinosaurs. Their fan shaped leaves turn yellow in the fall and drop quickly after frost. This one on Blackburn is among Ottawa's largest.



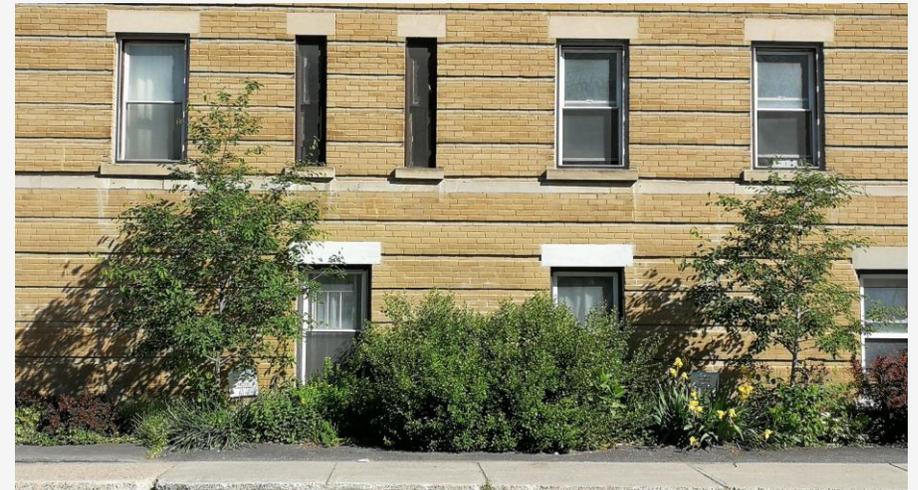
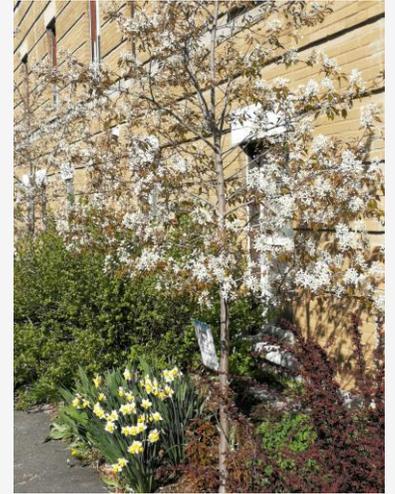
Toba Hawthorn

Toba Hawthorn is part of the rose family, blooming in late May/June with pale pink rosette flowers, followed by clusters of fruit. Its twisting branches have few thorns, unlike other hawthorns. A pair are on Marlborough.



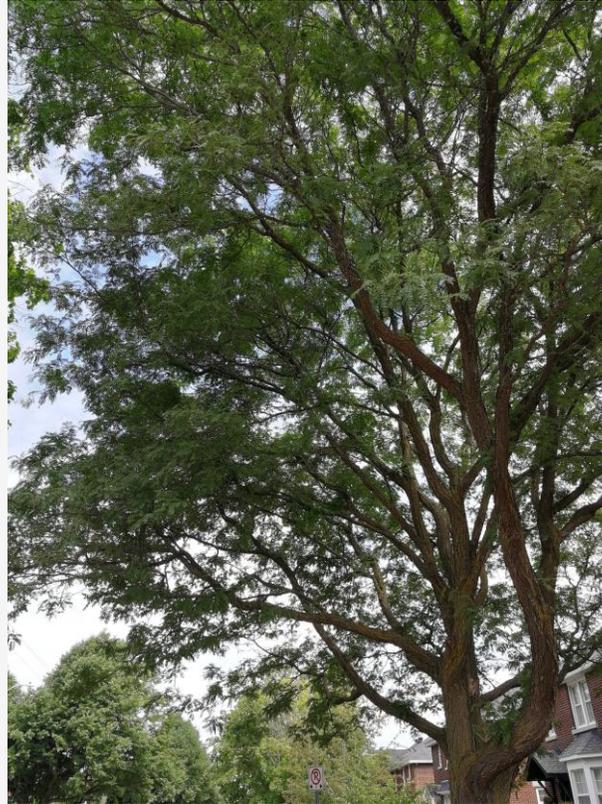
Serviceberry

A native, small to medium sized tree or shrub, has white flowers in spring and orange-red foliage in fall. These serviceberries are in a de-paved community garden along Somerset. Sandy Hill Tree Group welcomes volunteer gardeners.



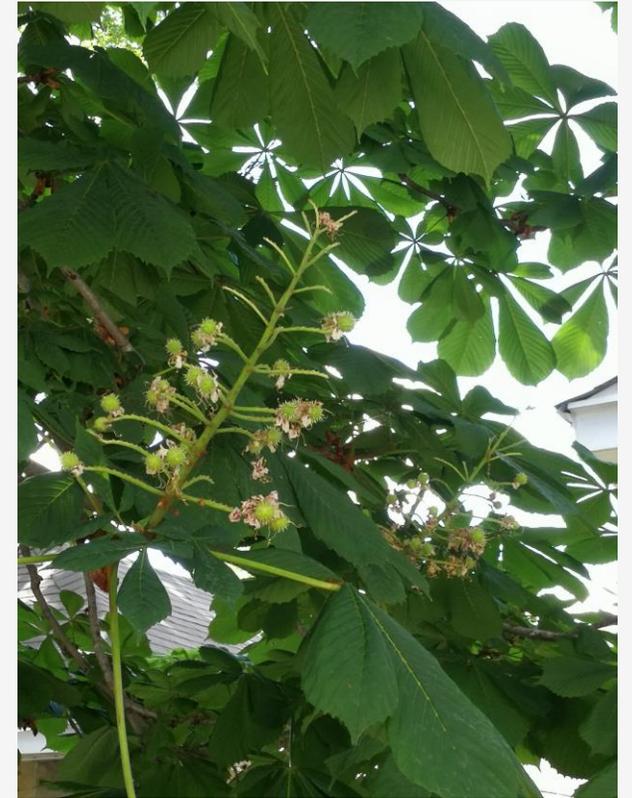
Honeylocusts and Black Locusts

Honeylocusts and Black Locusts are part of legume family. Adaptable trees, they have large compound leaves, flowers in June, and some produce seedpods. Black Locust leaflets are more rounded. Very tall specimen grows near Chapel.



Horsechestnuts

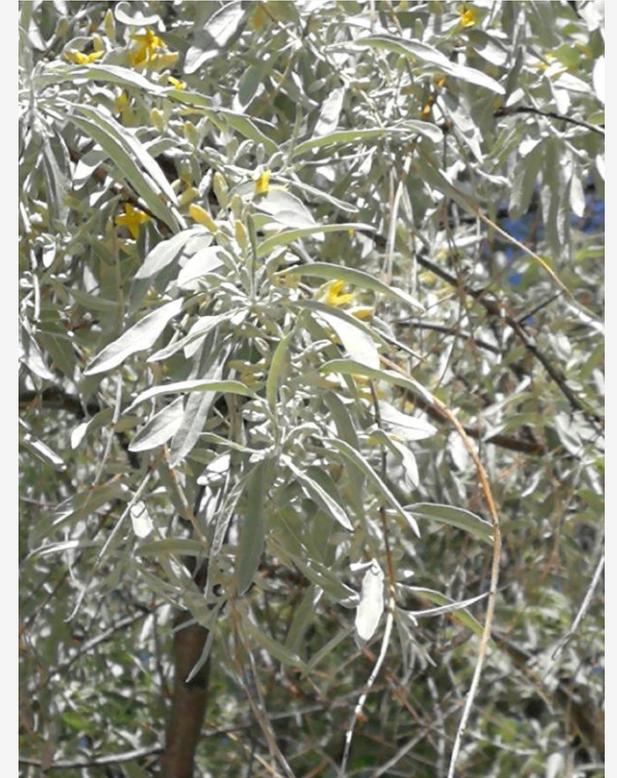
The compound leaves of horsechestnuts have 5-7 large leaflets. Large, white flowers in May/June mature into chestnuts in fall. Found on Templeton and elsewhere.



Russian-olive

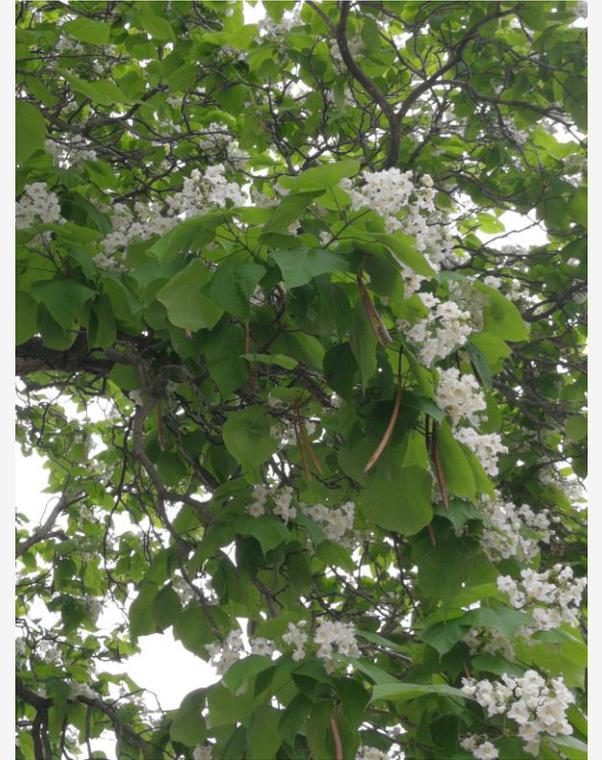
Striking Russian-olive trees have fine, silvery leaves, small yellow flowers, plus thorns.

Liking sunny locations and tolerating salt, they are found along several streets.



Catalpa Bean

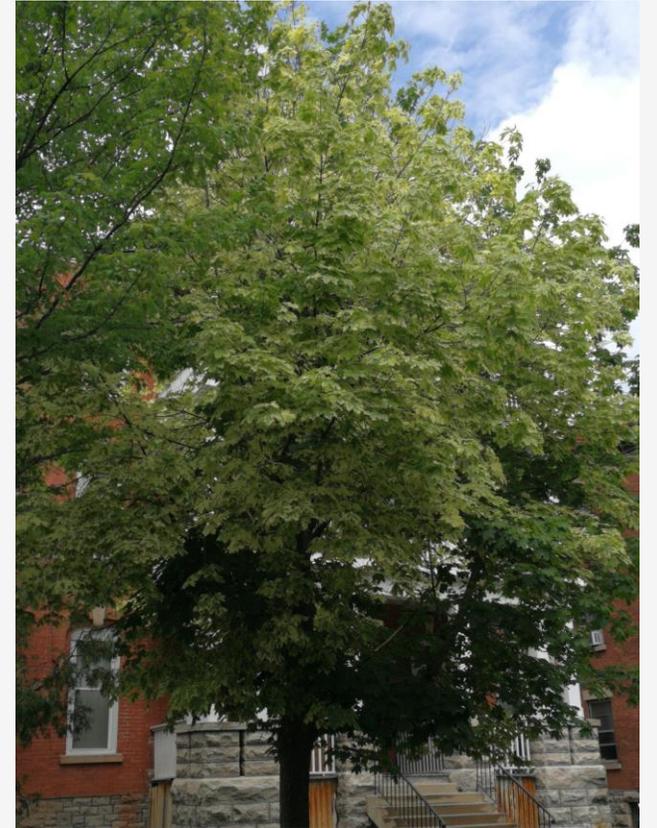
These leaf out late in the spring, producing large, fragrant flowers in June. The large fruit or beans persist throughout the winter and spring. Not common in Ottawa, a large tree is on Blackburn.



Maples – Silver and Harlequin

A silver maple and distinctive tree near Somerset and Marlborough had roots and branches pruned for neighbouring construction.

A Harlequin maple with white-edged leaves grows on Daly.



Bur Oak and Elm Varieties

Elms and ashes were lost to disease while development resulted in other tree losses.

Among the replacement trees are a Bur oak at the community centre and elms near Dutchie's Hole, which should become large trees.



More Plant Information

There are many sources of information on-line and in books. Recent sources should reflect new genetic information and plant classifications, new plant varieties, and environmental approaches.

Local reference: R. Hinchcliff *For the Love of Trees: A Guide to the Trees of Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm Arboretum*, 2007. This should be available at the Ottawa Public Library.

Other: Michael Dirr has written encyclopedic books on trees and shrubs in the United States and Canada, including M. Dirr and K. Warren *The Tree Book: Superior Selections for Landscapes, Streetscapes and Gardens*, 2019.