

# Alpharetta Arboretum at Webb Bridge Park

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**T**he Alpharetta Arboretum at Webb Bridge Park abounds in natural beauty with trees and flora that are native to Georgia. This arboretum features upland hardwood forest, conifer forest and trees typically found in moist ravines and bottomland. Walk the mile and a half trail through the park and experience "A Walk Through Georgia", spotting trees that represent all three of Georgia's geographic regions: the mountains, the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain.

Be sure to visit Alpharetta's other arboretums at **Cogburn Road Park**, **Brooke Street Park** and **Wills Park** for more examples of native Georgia trees as well as non-native trees that grow well in our state.

## Tree List

Tree Number	Common Name	Latin Name
1	Dogwood	Cornus florida
2	White Oak	Quercus alba
3	Tulip Poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera
4	Sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum
5	Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua
6	American Beech	Fagus grandifolia
7	Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis
8	Mockernut Hickory	Carya tomentosa
9	Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra
10	Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda
11	Black Walnut	Juglans nigra
12	Common Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis
13	Basswood	Tilia americana
14	American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana
15	Southern Red Oak	Quercus palustris
16	White Oak	Quercus alba
17	American Beech	Fagus grandifolia
18	Shortleaf Pine	Pinus echinata
19	Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana
20	River Birch	Betula nigra
21	Eastern Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana
22	Redbud	Cercis canadensis
23	Red Maple	Acer rubrum

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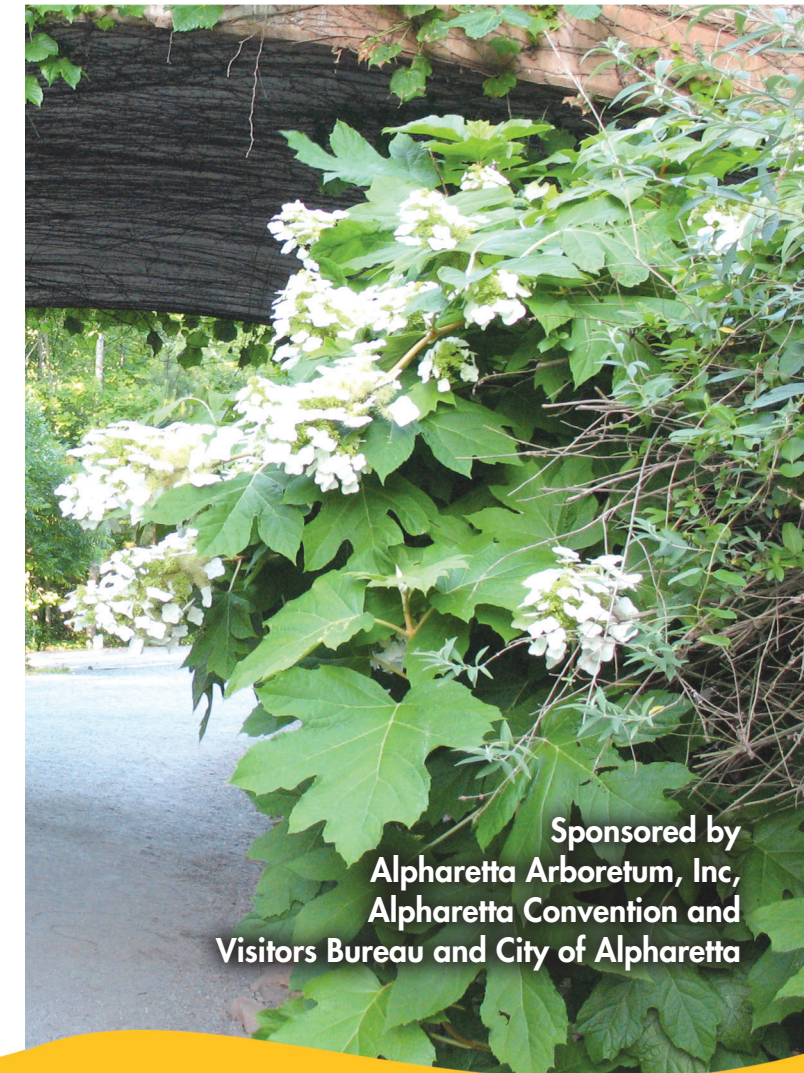
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## 1 | Dogwood



This classic southern tree is found in all regions of Georgia and grows to heights of 20 to 30 feet. It is an understory tree in the forest but is beautiful as a specimen tree in the yard. The red fruit of the Dogwood tree is a source of food for over 75 species of birds.

## 2 | White Oak



The White Oak is especially prevalent in the mountains and Piedmont region of Georgia and is among the most beautiful and important of all the oaks. It grows to 80 to 100 feet at maturity and has bark that is easily distinguishable by its gray, vertical scales. The acorns are a favorite of birds and mammals, and the wood is important for furniture making, boat construction and flooring.

## 3 | Tulip Poplar



This is a fast growing tree that can be found in all regions of Georgia. Its flower has a yellow/green/orange tulip

bloom. The tulip poplar grows to heights of 75 to 100 feet or more and it can live up to 500 years. It provides shelter for hummingbirds and butterflies.

## 4 | Sourwood



The Sourwood grows to 50 feet tall and generally occurs in moist areas among mixed hardwoods in Georgia mountain ravines and the upper Piedmont. You will recognize it easily by the drooping flowers it puts forth in early summer and also by its deeply furrowed bark. Bees produce the much loved "Sourwood Honey" from the flower.

## 5 | Sweetgum



The Sweetgum oozes a sweet sticky substance from which it gets its name. It is known as a pioneer tree because it is usually the first tree to move into an abandoned field or logged-out area, growing fairly quickly to heights of 100 feet or more. It is most easily identified by its seed-bearing fruit, which is a woody, burred ball. It is found in all regions of Georgia.

## 6 | American Beech



The noble Beech tree is outstanding for its winter beauty that features a silvery smooth bark and leaves that persist. It is native to the Georgia mountains and Piedmont. It will reach heights of 50 to 100 feet. It is a climax tree and will live for generations if left undisturbed. Beech nuts are a favorite of squirrels and birds.

## 7 | Bitternut Hickory



This tree can grow to 80 feet tall and can be distinguished from other hickories by its conspicuous bright yellow bud in early spring. It is common in moist valleys and slopes from the Piedmont to the Coastal Plain. The seed kernels of this tree are bitter to the taste but the wood is excellent for smoking meats.

## 8 | Mockernut Hickory



Georgia's most common hickory tree, it can be seen from the mountains to the coast. The Mockernut grows to 90 feet tall and can be recognized by its pubescent twigs and foliage that is aromatic when crushed. It produces excellent quality lumber.

## 9 | Northern Red Oak



This oak is fast growing and can grow to 100 feet tall. Its leaves have 7 to 11 shallow lobes and the bark develops light gray vertical streaks with age. It is native to the mountains and Piedmont of Georgia. It produces very high quality wood and therefore is valuable for heavy construction timber and furniture making.

## 10 | Loblolly Pine



Found in the southeastern United States where it covers several million acres, this evergreen pine grows quickly to 60 to 100 feet in full sun. These trees provide nesting sites and food for many animals including birds, chipmunks and squirrels. It is grown commercially for lumber, plywood and pulp for paper.

## 11 | Black Walnut



This tree produces nuts that are a high protein food source for humans. The wood is extremely valuable for use in furniture making. It grows in the mountains and Piedmont of Georgia in fertile soil near rivers and floodplains.

The roots secrete a substance known as juglone that affects the growth of tomatoes, potatoes, blackberries and some flowers.

## 12 | Common Hackberry



This tree performs well under adverse conditions, from very dry to moist soil. The bark is characterized by warts or corky ridges. Hackberry can grow to 60 feet in height. It is in the Elm family but is almost completely resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. It may be found in the Piedmont area in moist sites, but sometimes rocky outcrops.

## 13 | Basswood



This tree is found on streambanks in the Georgia mountains or Piedmont region and features large, almost heart-shaped leaves. It produces a fragrant flower in late June from which bees make honey. It has a light wood that is useful for toys, crafts and veneer.

## 14 | American Hornbeam



This understory tree grows all over Georgia, but likes moist bottomlands and ravines. The bark is smooth and gray. The wood of this tree is very hard and is

often used for golf clubs, mallets and tool handles.

## 15 | Southern Red Oak



This oak has a rounded open crown, grows to 80 to 125 feet and can be found throughout Georgia. It is a fast growing oak tree and can live to 150 years. The heaviest wood of the North American hardwoods, it is used for furniture making, flooring and veneers.

## 16 | White Oak



See earlier entry for description (#2)

## 17 | American Beech



See earlier entry for description (#6)

## 18 | Shortleaf Pine



This is a long-lived tree (up to 400 years) that grows to 100 feet tall in the Piedmont and mountains of Georgia. It can be identified by its reddish-brown scaly bark, short needles that are not twisted and a crown that typically features contorted branches. It is useful for lumber and pulp production.

## 19 | Sweetbay Magnolia



Found primarily in the coastal plain of Georgia where it is evergreen, this tree can be shrub like or reach tree heights of up to 60 feet. It produces fragrant, almost lemon-scented white flowers in spring. Small mammals and birds eat the seeds.

## 20 | River Birch



Recognizable by its light brown, exfoliating bark, this tree grows to heights of 60 to 80 feet and is found in all Georgia regions. Though frequently used as a specimen tree, it does need moist conditions and acidic soil. It is a host tree for butterflies.

## 21 | Eastern Hophornbeam



An understory tree that can approach heights of 40 feet, the Eastern Hophornbeam grows on moist to dry sites in the mountains and Piedmont of Georgia. Eastern Hophornbeam has a shreddy, brown bark and a hop-like fruit that together make it an unusual specimen tree.

## 22 | Redbud



The Redbud is a wonderful ornamental tree for the yard but is often seen along roadsides or at the edges of forests throughout Georgia. It is easily recognizable by its heart-shaped, smooth leaves but is best known for its purple to pink flowers which appear early in spring.

## 23 | Red Maple



This tree grows well in almost all situations and can be found all over Georgia. It grows quickly to 60 feet tall and can withstand moderate amounts of modern urban pollution. It has brilliant fall colors from deep red to yellow.

It is used to make veneer, flooring, kitchenware, clothes hangers and clothespins.

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