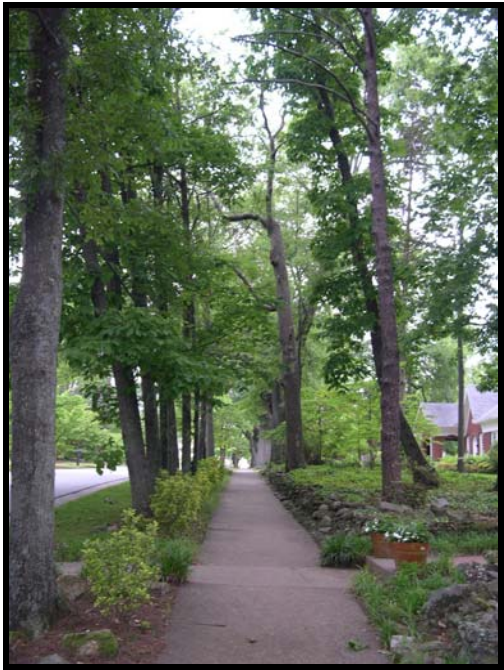


Douglasville Tree Walk

Self Guided Tour
Price and Campbellton St.



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1. Water Oak- *Quercus nigra*. The two trees growing in front of the building just to the south of the parking lot are water oaks. These large deciduous oaks are probably the most commonly found oak in the downtown area. Some of the larger trees are probably over 100 years old.

2. Loblolly Pine- *Pinus taeda*. These two trees at the corner of Price Ave. and E. Spring St. are examples of the most numerous species of pine growing in Douglas County.

3. Flowering Dogwood- *Cornus florida*. The tree at the northeast corner of the house at 8504 Price Ave. is one of the finest specimens of mature dogwood around. Other smaller dogwood trees are planted along Price Ave.

4. Red Maple- *Acer rubrum*. The tree growing next to the telephone pole at 8504 Price Ave. is a fairly large example of a red maple. This fast growing tree is one of the first to bloom in the spring, with small, showy, red to orange flowers, hence the name red maple.

5. Willow Oak- *Quercus phellos*. The large tree growing next to the sidewalk in the center of the lot at 8514 Price Ave. is a willow oak, so named because the leaves are shaped like those of a willow tree. This elegant, finely textured tree, makes a very good lawn or street tree.

6. White Oak- *Quercus alba*. The largest tree in front of 8514 Price Ave. is a white oak. Though not common as a garden or a street tree, the “white” lumber is valuable for flooring and making barrels. The USS Constitution “Old Ironsides” was constructed of white oak.

7. Japanese Maple- *Acer palmatum*. This tree in the yard at 8514 Price Ave., is one of the largest Japanese maples in Douglasville. This tree, growing as an understory tree, growing beneath the canopy of the larger trees, has developed a very open, graceful, appearance. These small trees make very good garden or lawn trees.

8. Southern Magnolia- *Magnolia grandiflora*. This tree, growing between the houses at 8537 and 8545 Price Ave. is a wonderful example of why this large leaved evergreen tree is so revered in the South. Not to mention the large fragrant blossoms. If a tree could be “Queen”, this is the tree.

9. China Fir- *Cunninghamia lanceolata ‘Glauca’*. The tree growing to the left of the porch at 8545 Price Ave. is the blue form of the China fir, though not really a fir tree. This tree, as striking as it may be, with its bluish foliage and cinnamon colored bark, is not a commonly planted tree. It might be that its main flaw is that an abundance of very spiny, dried up branchlets, that litter the ground around the tree. This does not make for a very friendly lawn tree or street tree.

10. Chestnut Oak- *Quercus prinus (syn. Q. Montana)*. Growing in the middle of the lawn, north of the walk going to the house at 8550 Price Ave. is a large chestnut oak. Not often seen as a lawn tree or a street tree, mainly because they can grow quite large, there are quite a few growing here in the front yard. The bark has a high concentration of tannin, and was once used for tanning leather.

11. Pecan- *Carya illinoensis*. Towering over everything else at 8557 Price Ave., this pecan spreads from one side of the property to the other. There are many pecans planted at properties throughout Douglasville, even though the trees can outgrow the yards. But being able to harvest pecan nuts on your own property may be reason enough to plant this tree.

12. Crepe Myrtle- *Lagerstroemia indica*. This tree growing next to the driveway between 8557 and 8567 Price Ave. and is a wonderful example of what a great small tree a crepe myrtle can be if it is left unpruned. Native to China and Korea, crepe myrtles have been grown in the South since 1790, first planted in Charleston, South Carolina.

13. Winged Elm- *Ulmus alata*. The two trees growing by the sidewalk, south of the driveway at 8578 Price Ave. are winged elm trees. This tree is fairly common in the South, making a fairly graceful ornamental or street tree.

14. Silver Maple- *Acer saccharinum*. The tree next to the sidewalk in the southwest corner of the property at 8578 Price Ave. is a silver maple. Once widely planted because of its fast growth, this tree, because of its relatively short lifespan and messy habit, is not planted as much today.

15. Leyland Cypress- *Cupressocyparis X leylandii*. The tree directly behind the silver maple, planted at the corner of the house at 8578 Price Ave. is a Leyland cypress. This fine specimen shows the attributes (upright, evergreen, dense, fast growing) of why this tree has been planted, to the point of being overplanted. Fungal diseases are now causing problems with many Leyland cypress trees.

16. Southern Sugar Maple (Florida Maple)- *Acer floridanum (syn. A. barbatum)*. Planted along the sidewalk bordering the corner of Price Ave. and Woodrow Ave. is a row of southern sugar maple. These trees generally have beautiful yellow or orange fall foliage and maple syrup can be made from the sap.

17. Norway Spruce- *Picea abies*. The three largest conifers planted in front of 8593 Campbellton St. are Norway spruce. Although native to northern Europe, these trees tolerate the heat and humidity better than most other spruce trees.

18. Sweet Gum- *Liquidambar styraciflua*. The very large tree at the rear of the property at 8554 Campbellton St. is a sweet gum. Though fairly common, not many grow to the size of this tree. Because of the prickly, round, seed balls, this tree does not make a very good street tree.

19. White Pine- *Pinus strobes*. The pine to the south of the driveway at 8513 Campbellton St. is an eastern white pine. These trees are somewhat attractive with bluish needles and a tiered branch pattern. However, these pines grow better in a somewhat cooler climate like that found in the north Georgia Mountains.

20. River Birch- *Betula nigra*. Growing at the southeast corner of the intersection of Campbellton St. and East Spring St. is a medium sized river birch. These native trees generally grow in moist areas, but can be grown in most landscape areas.

21. Maidenhair Tree- *Ginkgo biloba*. The four trees growing in the lawn on west and the south side of the bank building are ginkgo trees. This very ancient species (about 200 million years old) has no close living relatives. This tree makes a very good lawn or street tree, and has golden yellow fall color. However, only grafted male trees should be planted, because the small apricot colored fruit that develops on the female trees has the odor of rancid butter.