Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread; in woods throughout park.

<u>Characteristics</u>: Up to 100 feet in height, 3 feet in diameter; crown broadly rounded, with many branches; bark gray to dark brown to black, becoming furrowed and scaly; flowers yellowish green, in dense clusters, when leaves start to unfold; fruits are winged, in pairs, with a seed attached to each inch-long wing.

<u>Leaves</u>: Opposite, simple; up to 5 inches long, with 3-5 lobes, each coarsely toothed; dark green above, paler beneath, smooth on both surfaces.







Location of tagged trees:



White-centered symbol indicates leaves are too high to be easily seen.

<u>Notes</u>: Valuable timber species; the high-quality wood is used for lumber, furniture, flooring, and many other purposes. The trees produce maple syrup, and they are often planted as ornamentals