



Cannizaro Park Champion Trees



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CHAMPION TREES IN CANNIZARO PARK

The Tree Register keeps a record of the best examples of trees or largest of their species in the County, Country and, exceptionally, across the whole of the British Isles. The Tree Register's work on measuring trees plays an important part in recognising and protecting notable trees. In Cannizaro Park we have one of the best collections of diverse and rare trees in Greater London and more Greater London County Champions than any other place except for Syon Park and Kew Gardens.

If you would like to know more about The Tree Register's work, please visit their website at www.treeregister.org.

Here is a selection of some of our Champions, which can be found using the map overleaf:

- 1 CHESTNUT-LEAVED OAK** (*Quercus castaneifolia* v. 'Greenspire') - The variant Greenspire is selected for its narrow shape, but this one is in fact filling out as it matures. The tree is 21m high with a girth of 221 cm, making it the largest Greenspire in Greater London.
- 2 HACKBERRY** (*Celtis occidentalis*) - Also known as the Nettle-tree. The tree is from East North America. As the tree matures the bark becomes increasingly knobbly. The trunk on this one is the widest in England.
- 3 ALDER-LEAVED WHITEBEAM** (*Sorbus alnifolia*) - An attractive tree throughout the year from Japan, Korea and northern China, with spring flowers and in the autumn and winter, crimson berries. This is the tallest of its kind in England (a 'Country Champion of England'). *Photo on map at top showing autumn colour*
- 4 TULIP TREE** (*Liriodendron tulipifera* v. 'Aureomarginatum') - The Park has a few mature Tulip Trees, but this one is the quite rare variant that has a lighter colour at the margin of the leaves, which is more obvious in spring and early summer.
- 5 ROBLÉ BEECH** (*Nothofagus obliqua*) - From the South Andes. This is the largest one in Greater London. *Photo on map at bottom left showing spring leaves*
- 6 CHERRY LAUREL** (*Prunus laurocerasus*) - The Cherry Laurel is a common hedge plant in Britain, but this one has an exceptionally large trunk and has had various graffiti carved into it over the years.
- 7 MADRONA** (*Arbutus menziesii*) - From North America. This tree is a mature specimen, with its unusual bark standing out. Largest in Greater London for height and girth. *Photo on map at bottom right showing bark in winter sunshine*
- 8 SASSAFRAS** (*Sassafras albidum*) - From Ontario to Florida. This is a Champion for the whole of the British Isles, with the thickest trunk of its species in Britain and Ireland. Look out for the mitten-shaped leaves on the lower branches.
- 9 PIGNUT** (*Carya glabra*) - From Ontario to Texas. Good autumn colour and nuts. At 25.5m it is the tallest in Greater London and only 1m short of the tallest measured Pignut in Great Britain and Ireland.
- 10 DOVE TREE** (*Davidia involucrata* v. *vilmoriniana*) - Also known as the Handkerchief Tree and named after its unusual flowers in April or May. You can get a closer look at the handkerchiefs if you look at the nearby shorter Dove Tree at the top of the steps by the pond.
- 11 MONTPELIER MAPLE** (*Acer monspessulanum*) - Sometimes mistaken for the Field Maple (native to Britain), but the leaves have a simpler shape.

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