

What is the Arboretum?

Before it was a Nature Center, the property occupied by Merryspring was once a home-
stead site, a sheep farm, and most recently,
a sawmill and lumber yard. Many thousands
of board-feet of mature white spruce, red
spruce, and white pine were felled from
these grounds. The resulting clear-cut let in
sunlight and awakened the dormant seeds
of many different species. Over time, birds,
mammals, and the winds brought other wild
seeds to the area. When the property was
purchased in 1974, Merryspring's founders
recognized this forest diversity and pro-
tected some of the best and most interest-
ing trees for this Arboretum.

Today, the Kitty Todd Arboretum serves as
one of the most diverse habitats at Mer-
ryspring. Here you'll find 35 native Maine
tree species among the dozens of other spe-
cies of shrubs and wildflowers.

Finding Trees and Shrubs in the Arboretum

The map on the reverse side shows the ap-
proximate locations of 35 different species
of trees and shrubs that are labeled in the
Kitty Todd Arboretum. Simply match the key
number of the species you are looking for
(listed by common name) to the number on
the map, walk down the appropriate trail,
and keep a lookout for the colorful plant de-
scriptions on wooden posts. In cases where
the specimen is a ways off the trail, you'll
see a small footpath which leads to the tree
or shrub in question. Good luck!

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Specimen Trees

1. Alder, speckled (*Alnus rugosa*)
2. Apple, wild (*Malus sylvestris*)
3. Ash, black (*Fraxinus nigra*)
4. Ash, white (*Fraxinus americana*)
5. Aspen, quaking (*Populus tremuloides*)
6. Beech, American (*Fagus grandifolia*)
7. Birch, gray (*Betula populifolia*)
8. Birch, paper (*Betula papyrifera*)
9. Birch, yellow (*Betula alleghaniensis*)
10. Cedar, northern white (*Thuja occidentalis*)
11. Cherry, black (*Prunus serotina*)
12. Cherry, choke (*Prunus virginiana*)
13. Cherry, pin (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
14. Chestnut, American (*Castanea dentata*)
15. Dogwood, pagoda (*Cornus alternifolia*)
16. Dogwood, round-leaved (*Cornus rugosa*)
17. Elm, American (*Ulmus americana*)
18. Fir, balsam (*Abies balsamea*)
19. Hawthorn, English (*Crataegus monogyna*)
20. Hemlock, eastern (*Tsuga canadensis*)
21. Larch, American (*Larix laricina*)
22. Maple, mountain (*Acer spicatum*)
23. Maple, red (*Acer rubrum*)
24. Maple, striped (*Acer pensylvanicum*)
25. Maple, sugar (*Acer saccharum*)
26. Mountain ash, American (*Sorbus americana*)
27. Oak, red (*Quercus rubra*)
28. Pine, red (*Pinus resinosa*)
29. Pine, white (*Pinus strobus*)
30. Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)
31. Spruce, black (*Picea mariana*)
32. Spruce, red (*Picea rubens*)
33. Spruce, white (*Picea glauca*)
34. Willow, Bebb's (*Salix bebbiana*)
35. Willow, pussy (*Salix discolor*)



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