

■ Tree Museum of Dallas – Tree Fun Fact Sheet

This is a snapshot of some of the trees that shape Dallas and Texas ecology. From everyday canopy giants to rare survivors clinging to existence, these trees each have a story worth knowing. Think of this as a quick, fun guide—part science, part history, part appreciation.

■ Did You Know?

- Cedar Elms are the most common native tree in Dallas and thrive in tough clay soils.
- Bur Oaks can live over 200 years—some were already mature when Texas became a state.
- Live Oaks keep their leaves year-round, creating the iconic shaded streets of North Texas.
- Pecan trees are Texas's state tree and can produce edible nuts for over a century.
- Eastern Redbuds bloom bright purple before most trees even wake up for spring.
- Texas Snowbells are so rare that fewer than a few dozen remain in the wild.
- American Elms once lined entire cities before Dutch Elm Disease changed urban forestry forever.

Common Dallas Heritage Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name	Growth Rate	Water Need
Cedar Elm	<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	Moderate	Low
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Slow	Low
Texas Red Oak	<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	Moderate	Low
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Moderate	Low
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoinensis</i>	Moderate	Medium
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	Moderate	Low
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Fast	Medium

Rare & Endangered Texas Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Hinckley Oak	<i>Quercus hinckleyi</i>	Threatened
Texas Snowbell	<i>Styrax texanus</i>	Endangered
Texas Ash	<i>Fraxinus albicans</i>	Vulnerable
American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Endangered