Is This a Tree?

ISA definition of a tree: *woody perennial usually having one dominant trunk and a mature height greater than 5 meters (16 feet).*

Things to note:

- Shrubs don't stop at 15 feet
- Just because it has a single stem does not mean it's a tree
- *One dominant trunk* is tricky for some species

What NOT to count:

Hedges (arborvitae, or tree species maintained as a shrub)

Dwarf varieties (Japanese maple, spruce, etc)

Volunteer trees under 10 feet

Large versions of what are generally thought of as shrubs:
Rhododendron, Camelia, Photinia x fraseri, Sambucus, Cotoneaster, Ceanothus, Pinus mugo, Manzanita

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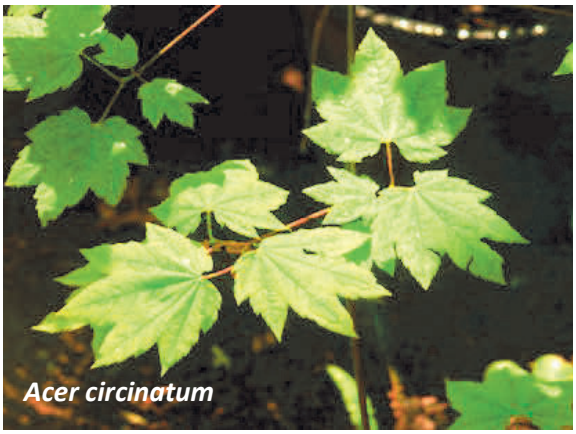
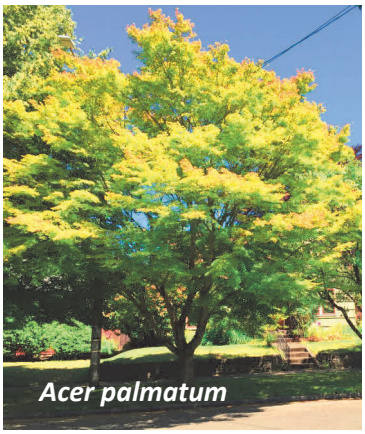
What we WILL count:

All maple species (e.g. *Acer circinatum*, *Acer ginnala,* and non-dwarf *Acer palmatum*)





Most *Corylus*, *Salix*, and *Ilex* in **developed areas** (not in natural areas) that are being maintained as trees.

Multi-stemmed Corylus cornuta are common - will count as trees, but always estimate diameter.

Single-stemmed versions of borderline trees (e.g. *Amelanchier*, *Magnolia stellata*, *Prunus laurocerasus* and *Prunus lusitanica*)