

CTA Training – Module 2 – Tree Inventory = Know What You Have

Key Concepts

- 1. What does "% Canopy Cover" measure? How is it used to prioritize tree planting efforts?
- 2. Why do a tree inventory? What are the two (2) main reasons to do a tree inventory?
- 3. What question is being answered by "Determining the Performance of the Urban Forest"?
- 4. What are five (5) "indicators" of Performance?
- 5. Why is species diversity important?

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- 6. What are the seven (7) clues that can be used to identify tree species?
- 7. What are the three (3) different types of "leaf arrangements" on a stem?
- 8. What is the difference between a "simple" leaf and a "compound" leaf?
- 9. Be able to name at least three (3) fundamentally different fruit types

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18. What are the seven (7) indicators you can use to

21. What are the three (3) primary way data can be

19. What "maintenance need" do nearly all young trees

10. What is a "dichotomous key"?

Know What You Have

determine tree condition?

20. What is "data analysis"?

Key Concepts

require?

displayed?

11. Be able to identify seven(7) different species

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Know What You Have Key Concepts 12. Be able to name at least five (5) things you should record during a tree inventory 13. What is GPS, and how is it used in a tree inventory? 14. What is GIS, and how is it used? 15. What is DBH and how is it measured? 16. What tool do you use to measure tree height?

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17. What is a good tool to use to measure canopy spread?

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Determining Performance of Urban Forest Do we have the <u>Right Trees in the Right Place?</u> Are Small Stature, Medium Stature and Large Stature trees planted in places suitable for their optimum growth? Avoid planting large or medium stature trees under power lines Plant trees in tree wells or narrow parkways that will not damage adjacent infrastructure Plant trees that will not require future root pruning Plant trees that people want











































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• E.g., Emerald Ash Borer that is destroying Green Ash trees across U.S. now

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trees across U.S. now Has killed over 30 million ash trees **Estimated impact in U.S.** exceeds \$20 billion • Over 7 billion ash trees at risk in eastern U.S.

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Tree Identification - 7 Clues to Tree I.D.



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Platanus racemosa, California Sycamore

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 Type: Deciduous, Native
 Shape: Pyramidal, spreading irregular w/age
 Size: Height: 30 - 80 ft; spread: 30 - 40 ft

Leaf Type: Deeply lobed, yellowish-green, 4 to 9

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 Populus fremontii, Western Cottonwood

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Can be done 3 different ways – <u>measurement is</u> taken at approx. 4.5 ft. <u>up from base of tree:</u> 1. Use DBH tape

- 2. Use measuring tape across trunk
- 3. Can also estimate to nearest 6 inch category







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- Studies have shown that trees ideally need 2 cubic feet of soil for every square foot of canopy spread (diameter)
- Example: tree with 40 feet canopy diameter needs <u>1256</u> cubic feet of soil volume
- Typical tree well grow space provides about <u>48</u> cubic feet of soil unless tree roots are able to grow under the sidewalk, street or adjacent landscape





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Determining Tree Condition – Look at: Evidence of poor past pruning practices Evidence of non-pruning mechanical wounds or fire scars Evidence of trunk cavities or rot from root crown up Evidence of foliar discoloration not associated with normal autumn leaf color changes Evidence of bore holes or other evidence of pest infestation Evidence of tree vigor Evidence of canopy dieback

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