**Eastern Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*)

- **Sightings:** Mellody
- **Height:** 15'-25'
- **Soil:** Moist soils along forest and pond edges
- **Description:** Pea-like lavender-to-pink flower; one of the few plants to flower on old wood; bark is reddish-brown

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**Shagbark Hickory** (*Carya ovata*)

- **Sightings:** Middlefork and Mellody
- **Height:** 40'-60'
- **Soil:** Rich, moist soils; sun
- **Description:** Bark has long, grey vertical stripes; hickories are eaten by both wildlife and people

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**Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)

- **Sightings:** Middlefork and Mellody
- **Height:** 60'-80'
- **Soil:** Hydromorphic soils (soil temporarily waterlogged)
- **Description:** Lives up to 300 years; wildlife is attracted to the acorns in the fall; yellow-bronze to purple fall color

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**River Birch** (*Betula nigra*)

- **Sightings:** Not found yet, let us know if you find one!
- **Height:** 40'-60'
- **Soil:** Wet soils, along streams, wetlands and lakes
- **Description:** Fruit is a winged nutlet; bark is a reddish-brown to salmon pink and shaggy
**Bur Oak** *(Quercus macrocarpa)*

**Sightings:** Middlefork and Mellody  
**Height:** 50'–80'  
**Soil:** Deep, rich soils; drought and shade tolerant  
**Description:** Bark is dark grey, deeply furrowed, with many ridges

**Hawthorn** *(Crataegus ssp.)*

**Sightings:** Most preserves  
**Height:** 15'–25'  
**Soil:** Dry soils and open fields  
**Description:** Fruit is eaten by many birds and animals

**Kentucky Coffee Tree** *(Gymnocladus dioicus)*

**Sightings:** Derwen Mawr  
**Height:** 40'–60'  
**Soil:** Deep, rich soils; sun  
**Description:** Bark has thin scales with edges peeling outward; fruit is a leathery green pod turning to brown

**American Linden** *(Tilia americana)*

**Sightings:** Middlefork and Derwen Mawr  
**Height:** 50'–70'  
**Soil:** Moist, well-drained  
**Description:** Young, grey bark developing into short blocks; long living and fast growing tree

**Pin Oak** *(Quercus palustris)*

**Sightings:** Skokie River and West Skokie  
**Height:** 50'–70'  
**Soil:** Wet soils to poorly drained sites  
**Description:** Bottom branches droop, middle branches grow outward and top branches grow towards the sky; acorns can be toxic in large amounts

**Red Oak** *(Quercus rubra)*

**Sightings:** Middlefork’s George Beach Trail  
**Height:** 50'–70'  
**Soil:** Moist soil, but also does well in dry soils  
**Description:** Fruit acorn cap covers upper quarter of the nut; wildlife does not like the fruit