

Wissahickon Nature Club
Tree ID Walk at Hartwood Acres
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Trip Report
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We couldn't have asked for a more perfect fall day to visit Hartwood Acres. Judy Stark and Marlow Madeoy led us through some of the roads and paths of the property. The sky was a cloudless blue with temps in the low 50's inching up to 60 degrees as the day progressed.

Judy's husband, Jim, has been volunteering his time at Hartwood for years, reconditioning their pipe organ. At the end of the hike, he was kind enough to give us a behind the scenes tour of the basement where the bellows and pipes for the organ reside. Hartwood's organ is unusual in that it has paper rolls that can be played liked a "player piano". Because these rolls are getting old and frayed, John Cawkin and Jim are re-mastering them digitally . We were treated to a portion of the Nutcracker suite and saw that the digital master is actually playing the organ. It is not just a recording.

Listed below are some of the lovely trees on the property that we were able to ID.

Katydid



White Mulberry
Soulingia magnolia
Crabapple
Franklinia
Pin Oak
Blue Spruce
Mockernut
Tulip Tree
Black Oak
American Basswood
Sugar Maple
Red Maple
White Oak
Red Oak
Hemlock
Sassafras
American Beech
Black Cherry
Chestnut Oak

Chinkapin Oak
Black Spruce
Norway Spruce
Witch Hazel (in bloom)
Black Gum
European white Elm
Cucumber Magnolia
Pin cherry
White Pine
Norway Maple
Shagbark Hickory
Sycamore
Staghorn Sumac
N. Catalpa
Alanthus
Chinese Chestnut
Weeping Cherry
Cornelian Cherry (*Cornus mas*)



Franklinia in Flower



Franklinia Seed Pod



