



## TreePAC Newsletter – Summer 2021

Hello again! As always, we hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy!

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***Some Exciting Developments!*** First and foremost, we are having a press conference right after Labor Day weekend on Wed, Sept 8 at 10am outside Seattle City Hall, lower level. We have some exciting news to announce and we hope you can join us – watch this space! To help promote these results, we'll have a new batch of yard signs very soon with a great new design!

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### **Feature – Urban Forests, Heat Islands and Climate Inequity.**

Key priorities of TreePAC include protecting and expanding the Seattle urban forest canopy, removing or remediating 'heat islands' (e.g. large parking lots or expanses of pavement or construction with no greenery or climate mitigation of any kind) and, addressing climate inequity in Seattle now wherever possible.

Past racist and exclusionary housing, lending policies, coupled together with gentrification and exploiting lower-income and minority neighborhoods, have all created huge gaps in climate equity across Seattle (and elsewhere). While some, often predominantly white, private property areas in Seattle retain decent urban canopy (**for now** – Ed.), most lower-income and traditionally minority areas have already paid the price with far less greenery, rampant sprawl and development/construction that seeks profit without ever giving back or promoting true equity and community.

What follows are a series of recent (and older) articles that detail how this has happened, current state and how we can fix it. Please read and send these to our City Council and Mayor – **it's not too late** to act and fix it!

[How cities can help protect transit riders from extreme heat](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 21

[U.S. infrastructure bill aims to cool heat inequity in cities](#) – **Reuters**, Aug 19

[City trees are as under threat as our forests](#) – **Guardian**, Aug 11

***Feature – Urban Forests, Heat Islands and Climate Inequity (cont.)***

[Houston needs millions of trees to achieve 'tree equity,' study says](#) - **SeaPI**, July 28

[Across The U.S., Non-white Neighborhoods Are Hotter Than White Ones](#) – **UW Daily**, July 21

[Other regions have specific plans for heat waves. Experts say Seattle, Puget Sound cities need them too](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 18

[Trees: The Critical Infrastructure Low-Income Neighborhoods Lack](#) – **Pew Trust**, July 6

[Communities of color are the 'first and worst' hurt by climate change; urgent action needed to change course](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 5

[Trees save lives in heat, so why aren't we saving trees?](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 2

[US needs 30m new trees to combat shade disparity, study finds](#) – **Guardian**, June 29

[How America's treeless streets are fueling inequality](#) – **Guardian**, Jun 28

[The U.S. Neighborhoods With the Greatest Tree Inequity, Mapped](#) – **Bloomberg**, June 25

[Community Spotlight: Getting to know our community of trees by exploring the hidden benefits](#) - **SeaPI**, June 24

[Bringing Back Trees To 'Forest City's' Redlined Areas Helps Residents And The Climate](#) (Cleveland, OH) – **NPR**, June 23

[How are our cities going to look in a rapidly heating world? It won't be long before 50C will be normal](#) – **Guardian**, June 14

## Recent Event: Greenwood Tree Walk!

We partnered with the [Greenwood Senior Center](#) and [Trees for Seattle](#) for a Tree Walk in the Greenwood neighborhood in north Seattle on August 18 this month. Many thanks to both organizations for setting this up! Here's some pics and here's the Trees for Seattle [Tree Walk maps](#) – check them out and see our wonderful city trees! We are **always** interested in doing more of these – let us know if you are interested.



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## ***Who and What are TreePAC?***

For newcomers to our cause, TreePAC are a citizen action and advocacy group, focused first and foremost on getting the 2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance made into a full-fledged (and uniformly enforced) law across the City of Seattle. We are trying to make sure that urban, suburban and tree/habitat forest resources are not ignored by local City, County and the WA state government(s). Our state and cities are still undergoing a turbulent time – it is essential to make sure trees and all the related ecosystems that depend on them will survive and thrive in the future of our localities, state, the Pacific Northwest and beyond. You can truly make a difference for trees, habitat and climate change by supporting these initiatives at a state and local level.

## **Continued effort - 2021 priorities:**

1) TreePAC's central focus is to improve and pass an updated, current-for-the-times 2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance – Please submit input and suggested changes to the City, City Council and Mayor:

- a) [Input to Seattle City Council & Mayor](#)
- b) [Patti Bakker](#) (Seattle Urban Forestry Commission)
- c) [Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov](mailto:Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov) (Office of Sustainability & Environment).

You can also submit comments through the Don't Clearcut Seattle site:  
[submit comments to the Mayor and City Council](#)

And of course, our longstanding request: If you see something in your neighborhood, i) ask, ii) document/photograph it and iii) submit it, please.

The [Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee](#) is in charge of land use, planning, development and SDCI as to urban forestry mgmt and protection. LET THEM KNOW via [email](#) or phone (206-684-5326) what you think and how they can do more (or actually do anything?!) to protect and enhance our urban forest canopy and trees.

2020/2021 meeting videos can be viewed here:

[2020/2021 Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee | seattlechannel.org](#)

2) *Statewide:* [WA State Forest Plan](#).

This [plan](#), initially released by DNR in late October 2020, will govern how WA manages and protects/enhances its various [forest and related resources for the next ten years](#). Input and updates to the state's forest plans should be regular, ongoing, and with a strong presumption of protection first! - the same as that of the urban forest. Please continue to support this plan.

3) *County and local City forest plans* – Several major counties also have tree protection/planting programs already well underway, including [King](#), [Snohomish](#), [Spokane](#), and [Clark](#) among others, and cities within same. These programs need to continue and expand, as protecting trees at the local level requires constant vigilance and monitoring/data collection; planting trees and expanding tree canopy is nowhere near as simple as 'plant and move on' - new trees require care or they will not survive. Contact your County or City govt and let them know you want them to protect existing and plant more new, native PNW trees!

If your city doesn't have a tree canopy plan in place – here's a great resource for finding some examples you might propose!

*WA State/City Tree Ordinances* – [click here](#).

*Tree Ordinances by State* – [click here](#) (of particular interest may be Oregon's – scroll down – especially that of Portland, OR)

*Vancouver BC's tree ordinance parameters* can be seen [linked here](#).

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***How to Help:*** [\(return to top\)](#)

1) SDCI: There has been at least some recent activity on the part of Seattle's **Department of Construction and Inspection (DCI)** regarding tree protection – but viewed in the big picture – they need to do a lot more! Let DCI know you care about trees and want them to protect private trees on construction sites and citywide!. From their site:

- The 'make a complaint' area is [here](#):
- The 'research a project' area is [here](#):
- Finally, to reference the existing Director's Rule as to Tree Protection – read it [here](#).

Here's the new [SDCI Complaints Map](#) – see how (lousy) your neighborhood is doing about lot clearcuts and let them KNOW.



2) **Yard Signs:** We still have several left (and as noted above, another batch with a brand new design are on the way!), so if you are interested and would like to make a donation to obtain one, email us: [info@DontClearcutSeattle.org](mailto:info@DontClearcutSeattle.org) and we'll be in touch immediately.

3) **Apps:** check out our [Tree App page](#) at TreePAC.org – but here's the most useful:

[iSeaTree](#) - iSeaTree V2 is out! iSeaTree is a free, intuitive mobile app that helps you identify and record tree species anywhere – and designed in Seattle to boot!

Davey Tree Group: [What's new with i-Tree](#) – includes the variations for homeowners, foresters, etc.

[Trees for Seattle](#) has published the Seattle Tree Walk app: [Android](#) [Apple](#)

Other PNW & Tree Apps: [Trees Pacific NW](#) [More info](#)  
[USFS PNW Forests](#) (Apple only)

vTree (from Virginia Tech) [Android](#) [Apple](#)

4) Know of exceptional or even potentially Heritage Trees in your neighborhood? Submit them to [The Last 6,000](#) (also linked below) and the [Seattle Heritage Tree Program](#)!

5) Want to save a neighborhood tree at risk? David Moehring of the TreePAC Board has put together a great step by step guide on how – [click here](#).

6) Get a shirt, mug, sticker, pin or banner! Besides putting up a Don't Clearcut Seattle yard sign, you can show your tree spirit by wearing a shirt, using a mug, posting stickers and banners! - [check them all out here](#) and [here](#) – all proceeds support TreePAC and Don't Clearcut Seattle – Have design ideas? [Please let us know](#).

7) **Any or all of the articles** linked above in our Feature or below in our News section(s) are fair game for supplying to the City Council, Mayor and your Legislators re tree protection – please remember when writing to the city that protecting existing trees is usually even more effective than mass plantings, given they are already big and doing the lion's share of carbon capture. – we need BOTH.

## **Feature: Native Trees of the PNW** (a continuing series) [\(return to top\)](#)

We at TreePAC talk a lot about protecting the trees of Seattle, but for those of us who aren't arborists, what **are** the trees of the greater Seattle area and PNW?

Here's two more (last issue was [Ponderosa Pine and Paper Birch](#)) – Let's meet the **Grand Fir** and **Vine Maple**.



The **Grand Fir** ([Abies grandis](#)) is native to the PNW and ranges down to Northern California – usually around 5,900 feet in elevation.



Its bark has been used for medicinal purposes, and this tree can grow over 250ft in height at maturity. The Grand Fir is fast growing and a popular Christmas tree species.

The **Vine Maple** ([Acer circinatum](#)) also occurs from southwestern BC all the way down to Northern California, but in the wetter climate west of the Cascades, nearer to the Pacific. It is usually seen as a smaller tree starting around 6 ft tall but sometimes up to over 50. This tree is often seen 'bent over', where the treetop may even grow into the ground and sometimes even send out a new root system!







More reading and pictures:

[Trees of the PNW: A Geographic Guide](#)

Common Trees of the Pacific Northwest (OSU) – [Grand Fir](#)

Common Trees of the Pacific Northwest (OSU) – [Vine Maple](#)

## **Local Green & Tree Activists and Social Media:** [\(return to top\)](#)

NOTE: these are tree-supporting area groups and social media feeds, including links to their event calendar(s). If you have some not seen here, please let us know so we can add them – TreePAC

[TreePAC:](#)      [FaceBook](#)      [Twitter](#)

If you wish to become involved in working on an updated Seattle Tree Ordinance, please reach out! You can securely donate to the cause by clicking here: [DONATE](#)

[Don't Clearcut Seattle](#) (action network/yard signs)   [Facebook](#)   [Instagram](#)   [Events](#)

[Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest:](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Twitter](#)      [Instagram](#)  
[Coalition](#)   [News](#)   [Other Tree Ordinances](#)

### **Seattle Urban Forestry Commission:**

Meetings are posted at the link immediately below, usually 1st and 2nd Wed each month from 3-5pm. Next meetings are Sept 8, Oct 6, Oct 13, Nov 3, Nov 10, Dec 1, and Dec 8, 2021. [Due to CV19, meetings will be held over Webex conference call instead of in person - please click through for the current number/login.](#)



## ***Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)***

[Plant Amnesty](#) (Seattle area): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)  
[Events](#) [Classes & Workshops](#) [Adopt-a-Plant](#)

[300 Trees](#) - a tribute to hundreds of trees that were needlessly cut down in East Bellevue by Puget Sound Energy for a redundant power line in 2020. [Facebook](#)

[Bloedel Reserve](#) (Bainbridge Is.) [Now re-opened w/limited onsite visits]  
[Events](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

[DIRT Corps](#) (Duwamish Infrastructure Restoration Training) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

[E3 WA](#) (Environment, Equity, Economy): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

[Earth Corps](#) (events across Greater Seattle): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)  
[Volunteer Calendar](#) (all events canceled for immediate future due to CV19)  
Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)

[Eco Lógica magazine](#) [Newsletter signup](#)

[Forterra](#) (Greater Seattle area): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)  
[Events and local Work Parties, restoration](#) – (many events getting canceled due to CV)

[Friends of Seward Park](#): [Facebook](#) Monthly Meeting/activities - [2nd Sat of most months](#) (NOTE: due to CV19 situation, email ahead to confirm event not canceled)

[Green Seattle Partnership](#): [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)  
(NOTE: due to CV19 situation, all volunteer events canceled until further notice)

Keep Ballard Trees Standing: [Facebook](#)

King County: [3 Million Trees by 2025](#) [1 millón de árboles](#) [Events](#)

## ***Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)***

[Nature Conservancy WA:](#)      [Facebook](#)    [Twitter](#)    [Instagram](#)

[Nature Consortium:](#)              [Facebook](#)

[Save Shoreline Trees:](#)      [Facebook](#)

[Seattle Audubon:](#)              [Facebook](#)              [Instagram](#)              [Events](#)

[Seattle Green Spaces Coalition](#)              [Facebook](#)

[Seattle Nature Alliance:](#)      [Facebook](#)              [Instagram](#)

[Seattle Neighborhood Greenways](#)              [Facebook](#)    [Twitter](#)    [Events](#)

[SER Northwest:](#)              [Facebook](#)              [Events Calendar](#)

[Seward Park Audubon Center:](#)              [Facebook](#)              [Instagram](#)              [Events](#)

[Sierra Club of WA:](#)      [Facebook](#)              [Twitter](#)              [Instagram](#)

[Sustainable Seattle:](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Instagram](#)      [Twitter](#)      [Pinterest](#)    - [Events](#)

[The Last 6,000:](#)              [Instagram](#)    [Newsletter Archive](#)    [Current Judkins Park Protest!](#)

[The Seattle Lorax:](#)      [Twitter](#)

[Thornton Creek Alliance:](#)              [Facebook](#)      [Events Calendar](#)      [YouTube](#)

## ***Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)***

[350 Seattle](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

[350 Tacoma](#)                      [Facebook](#)

[350 Eastside](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

Tree Keepers Alliance:                      [Facebook](#)

[Trees for Seattle:](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Events](#)

Vanishing Seattle:                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

[WA Native Plant Society](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

## **Local/PNW Tree News:** *(right-click link to open in new tab)*                      [\(return to top\)](#)

[Trees for Seattle Arbor Week](#) is over, but some archives are online [here](#) and [here](#).

Lynnwood Tree Voucher program – [click here for more information and to apply](#).

[North SeaTac Park nixed as possible site for airport parking lot](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 25

[The majestic Hoh Rain Forest is one of the natural wonders of Washington state; venture in and wander](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 25

[Hike through an old-growth forest, hidden on the banks of the lower Rogue River](#) – **Oregonian**, Aug 24

[West Van tree-topping neighbours slapped with injunction, \\$48,000 in damages](#) – **The Province**, Aug 24

[Identifying reason for maple tree's decline can be tricky](#) – **Oregonian**, Aug 16

## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Letters to the editor for Saturday, Aug. 14: Cooler because of trees](#) – **Register-Guard**, Aug 14

[Forest defenders present 150,000-name petition to stop old-growth logging in B.C.](#) - **The Province**, Aug 9

[Ask an expert: Is magnolia tree's second blooming going to be problematic?](#) – **Oregonian**, Aug 5

[EWEB fells more than 250 trees before state order halts south Eugene water reservoir project](#) – **Register-Guard**, Aug 3

[How we can restore forests, increase fire resilience and protect communities](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 3

[Massive reforestation effort needed in Washington and beyond | Brunell](#) – **Mercer Island Reporter**, July 30

[A middle path to climate-smart forestry](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 30

[Sooty Bark Disease starting to infect West Seattle Trees](#) – **WestSide Seattle**, July 29

[Ask an expert: What is this white stuff on my dogwood tree and what do I do about it?](#) – **Oregonian**, July 29

[Portland Officials Fear the Largest Urban Forest in America Is a Wildfire Waiting to Happen](#) – **Willamette Week**, July 28

Gnarly brown Christmas? [Tree farms dry out in Pacific Northwest](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 27

[Shoreline Trees and housing \*\*can\*\* co-exist](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, July 27

[More trees coming for Lynnwood Link segment](#) – **DJC**, July 27

(F “Sound” Transit – if they had ever bothered to look at [BART](#) (operating since 1972, **built down the middle of the freeway?!),** 5,400+ trees wouldn’t have had to die! And now they are doing the same thing in the south end? But like its entire history, “Sound” Transit says one thing and spends millions on quite another – Ed.)

[RCMP accuse protesters of cutting healthy trees to block logging road access](#) – **The Province**, July 26



## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Three regional agencies team up for Trees for Rail](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, July 23  
(See comment above, x3! But “Sound” Transit has been lying and overcharging since inception, so they get the biggest blame here- Ed.)

[Tax-funded Oregon Forest Resources Institute misled public, may have broken state law, audit finds](#) – **Oregonian**, July 21

[Biden administration proposes restoring 3 million acres of northern spotted owl habitat, reversing Trump-era rule](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 19

[Great Peninsula Conservancy receives grant for North Kitsap Divide Block Forest](#) – **Kitsap Sun**, July 19

[Jerry Franklin has helped protect millions of acres of old-growth forest: ‘We were in the right place at the right time’](#) - **Oregonian**, July 18

[To Save Our Forests From Megafires, George Wuerthner Wants the Forest Service to Leave Oregon's Woods Alone](#) – **Willamette Week**, July 18

[The benefits — to us, and to nature — of forging a friendship with our forests](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 18

[Meet the eminent scientist, now 84, who vowed as a boy to protect Washington’s old-growth forests](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 18

[Pacific Madrone: A Northwest Mainstay](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, July 15

[Northwest trees sapped by Oregon and Washington heat waves could be vulnerable to fire](#) – **Oregonian**, July 14

[Tree Group Friends of Trees Says Its Future Is Uncertain](#) – **Willamette Week** – July 13

[Eugene spends \\$52,000 on forest proj. to offset emissions](#) – **Register-Guard**, July 13

[Proposal to pave over SeaTac parkland with a parking lot draws community ire](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 12

[He stole prized lumber from a national forest. The trees’ DNA proved it, feds say.](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 12

[Newly discovered fungus spores spurred by heat and drought are killing Seattle street trees](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 11

## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Jury convicts Olympic National Forest tree thief: 2018 'Maple fire'](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 9

[Effort to protect Magnolia park view moving forward after hearing examiner decision](#) – **Queen Anne News**, July 7

[Between Two Pines: Seeing the forest for the trees](#) – **UW Daily**, July 6

[How tree-lined streets and high-speed internet can help with a warming climate](#) – **Kitsap Sun**, July 2

[Tongass rainforest: Broken connection](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 2

[Tongass rainforest: Protect our forests too](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 2

[What constitutes a 'healthy' forest?](#) - **Register-Guard**, July 1

[Forest Abstractions at Paramount Open Space](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, June 26 (Ed: photos by TreePAC board member Janet Way!)

[Tree Farms Key To Cutting Greenhouse Gases](#) – **Tacoma Weekly**, June 22

[Opinion: Park Blocks plan vital to protecting our cherished trees](#) – **Oregonian**, June 27

[Letter to the Editor: Benefits of Shoreline's conifers](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, June 26

[Ask an expert: Plum tree has all sorts of issues](#) – **Oregonian**, June 25

[Hospital spends \\$300,000 to transplant a massive, 100-year-old sequoia to a new home](#) – **The Olympian**, June 25

[Arnold Bercov and Ben Parfitt: More than intentions needed for B.C. forests](#) – **The Province**, June 24

[Local groups awaiting word on Ursula Judkins Viewpoint appeals](#) – **Queen Anne News**, June 23

[Council OKs tree code amendments, emergency ordinance on evictions](#) – **MyEdmonds News**, June 23

[Our monumental Douglas fir trees in Shoreline](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, June 21

## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Good trees for urban gardens: For beautiful blossoms, consider dogwoods](#) – **MyEdmonds News**, June 20

[Coastal logging needs old-growth for at least next decade, forester says](#) – **The Province**, June 14 (**ABSOLUTE Bulls\*\*\* - Ed.**)

[Ask an expert: Can these apricot trees be saved?](#) - **Oregonian**, June 14

[After our investigation, Oregon House moves to curb forest institute's power and budget](#) – **Oregonian**, June 9

[Health Benefits of Trees](#) – **Nature Conservancy WA**, June 8

[Riparian Reforestation](#) - **Nature Conservancy WA**, June 8

[Expert: State hazard tree removal program working](#) (OR) – **SeaTimes**, June 8

[Golden Gardens Park in Ballard hit with two incidents of tree topping this year](#) – **SeaTimes**, June 7

[Scene in Edmonds: Where have all the trees gone?](#) – **MyEdmonds News**, June 4

[Liriodendron tulipifera - the Tulip Tree](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, June 4

[Facing future wildfires, a community fights for its forest](#) – **High Country News**, June 1

[B.C. lays out plans for 'modernizing' regulation of the forest industry](#) – **The Province**, June 1

[Lake Forest Park Tree Board hosts Champion Tree Contest for kids and teens](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, May 31

[Edmonds City Council June 1 set to revisit tree regulations, housing recommendations](#) – **MyEdmonds News**, May 30

[Online photo of massive old-growth tree being hauled on Vancouver Island goes viral](#) – **The Province**, May 28

[Letter to the Editor: Citizen input on sidewalk widths?](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, May 28

[Between Two Pines: The Vistal Microcosm](#) – **UW Daily**, May 27

## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Call for Volunteers: Lake Forest Park Tree board and Parks and Recreation advisory board](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, May 27

[Environmental group hosting demonstration at Ursula Judkins Park Friday](#) – **Queen Anne News**, May 25

[Learn About Trees And More On Eastside Trail](#) – **Tacoma Weekly**, May 25

[B.C. project aims to fight climate change one seed at a time](#) – **Crosscut**, May 24

[Independent report maps 1.3 million hectares of at risk old-growth forest](#) – **The Province**, May 22

[Tree-Free Paper is rescuing forests and farmers in Washington](#) – **Crosscut**, May 20

[Klamath Tribes want beavers back in the Beaver State](#) – **HCN**, May 19

[Arborist hired after outcry about excessive tree cutting](#) (OR) – **SeaTimes**, May 18

[Chainsaw massacre: tree poaching hits Canada amid shortages](#) – **Guardian**, May 13

[Tree Talk: Inspiration from a giant](#) – **Madison Park Times**, May 12

**Tree News elsewhere:** *(right-click links to open in new tab)* [\(return to top\)](#)

Arbor Day Foundation – [Blog \(regularly updated with Tree News everywhere\)](#)

[Tree of the week - Guardian readers on the leafy wonders that make their world a better place](#) – **Guardian**, (updated weekly)

[From 1m trees to a tree graveyard: how Dubai's conservation plans went awry](#) – **Guardian**, Aug 24

[US Forest Service working to restore Idaho's state tree](#) – **AP**, Aug 23

[Ginkgo trees decipher ancient climate](#) (video) – **AP**, Aug 23

[Searching for clues to climate change at the bottom of the world](#) – **Crosscut**, Aug 23



## ***Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)***

['Rome will no longer look the same': The city's iconic pine trees are choking to death by a nasty parasite](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 21

[Nevada tribes seek national monument status for sacred trees](#) - **SeaPI**, Aug 21

[Deforestation in Amazon hits highest annual level in a decade](#) – **Guardian**, Aug 20

[Hiking column: Lose yourself among the trees at Canfield-Meadow Woods](#) (CT) - **SeaPI**, Aug 20

[China to step up tree planting campaign to help reach net zero](#) – **Reuters**, Aug 20

[Fires harming California's efforts to curb climate change](#) – **AP**, Aug 18

[This invasive pest could damage key NY crops, forests](#) – **SeaPI**, Aug 13

[Greek wildfires a major ecological catastrophe, PM says](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 12

[Why Houston's oldest tree needs a new identity](#) – **SeaPI**, Aug 9

[How to look for signs of invasive beetle during Tree Check Month](#) (MI) – **SeaPI**, Aug 5

[Forests fuel jobs across the state](#) (MI) – **SeaPI**, Aug 5 (Exactly the PROBLEM!?! - Ed.)

[Toronto finalized an offer to buy home with an ancient oak tree. Now the seller wants a higher price](#) – **The Province**, Aug 4

[Forest Service changes 'let it burn' policy following criticism from politicians](#) – **SeaTimes**, Aug 4

[A new 'green status of species' will measure the recovery of threatened plants and animals](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 28

[The invasive spotted lanternfly is spreading across the eastern US - here's what you need to know about this voracious pest](#) - **SeaPI**, July 28

[Quiz: Can you identify this tree from its leaf?](#) - **SeaPI**, July 28

[Costa Rica Ensures Future for Its Mangrove Forests](#) - **Pew Trusts**, July 26

[Goats lend a hoof in SC forest restoration project](#) - **SeaPI**, July 25

## ***Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)***

[Flathead forest works to restore whitebark pine](#)- (MT) **Business Insider**, July 24

[Quiz: Can you identify this tree from its leaf?](#) - **SeaPI**, July 22

[Mangroves Mitigate Effects of Climate Change Provide Local Economic Benefits](#) - **Pew Trusts**, July 21

[The orchardist rescuing fruit trees in New Mexico](#) – **HCN**, July 20

[The Amazon is now a net carbon producer, but there's still time to reverse the damage](#) – **Guardian**, July 19

[Forest School Community Growing, Seeing Increased Interest](#) (TN) **SeaPI**, July 17

[New Mexico wilderness area grows with large donation](#) – **ABC News**, July 17

[The Amazon rainforest is the world's carbon sink](#). Parts of it now release more carbon than can be absorbed. – **SeaTimes**, July 16

[‘Enough with the burning’: EU exec accused of sacrificing forests](#) – **Guardian**, July 16

[In a major shift, Biden administration plans sweeping protections for Alaska's Tongass National Forest](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 15

[Biden ends large-scale logging on huge Alaska rainforest](#) – **ABC News**, July 15

[Forest Service Should Update Old Management Plans to Reflect Modern Science](#) – **Pew Trusts**, July 12

[Brazil deforestation falls from May but posts monthly record](#) – **Yahoo News**, July 9

[Watch this delightful close-up video of a fastidious beaver chomping through a tree limb](#) – **BoingBoing**, July 6

[Oak-killing disease spreading north in Minnesota](#) – **AP** , July 6

[Indians plant millions of saplings amid mass campaign](#) – **SeaTimes**, July 4

[Lululemon founder buys Canadian islands to protect ecosystems](#) – **Guardian**, June 30

[‘Alarming’ rise in land-clearing prompts calls for urgent overhaul of NSW laws](#) – **Guardian**, Jun 29

## ***Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)***

[The 'ecological hate speech' developed around wildfire](#) – **HCN**, June 29

[The unlikely survival of the 1,081-year-old tree that gave Palo Alto its name](#) – **SeaTimes**, June 28

[Punishment for California couple who killed dozens of Joshua trees](#) - **SeaPI**, June 27

[Call the copse! The sudden flourishing of culture about trees](#) – **Guardian**, Jun 24

[Ruling disallowing tree-cutting for snowmobiles creating uncertainty](#) - **SeaPI**, June 23

['Wild idea' has kept Adirondacks protected for past 50 years](#) - **SeaPI**, June 22

[Shocking scene as a major tree die-off hits East Bay parks](#) - **SeaPI**, June 21

[One of California's rarest trees may be another victim of extreme drought](#) – **SeaPI**, June 18

[Half the trees in two new English woodlands planted by jays, study finds](#) – **Guardian**, June 16

[The 'secret garden' of the Sierra has been off-limits for a century. Until now.](#) - **SeaPI**, June 15

[Scientists: Beech Leaf Disease, potentially fatal for trees, widespread in CT](#) - **SeaPI**, June 10

[Chinese banks urged to divest from firms linked to deforestation](#) – **Guardian**, June 7

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## **Books, Media and Webinars:**

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[Native Trees of the Pacific Northwest: A Geographic Guide](#)

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**The Tree Fund** – Upcoming [2021 Webinars](#)  
[2020 Webinar Archive](#)

USFS Urban Forest Connections Webinars Series (Second Wednesdays of each month, 1-2:15pm EST, archive of past webinars also linked here):

[Upcoming: Sept 8, Oct 13](#)

Conservation NW – [webinars](#) (past and most recent)

The Aspen Institute: Public Lands, We the People ([recording archives here](#))

Davey Tree Group – ([next webinar Oct 13](#)) webinar archive: [here](#)

The Nature Conservancy: upcoming and past webinars – [browse here](#)

Columbia Land Trust: [The Witness Tree](#)

[Listen to a forest](#) – [Tree.fm](#) is where you can listen to a randomly-selected forest.

Timber Wars (OPB podcast re the 1990s and the Northern Spotted Owl): [here](#)

Treehugger's Podcast: [latest here](#)

Heritage Tree Podcasts (Portland, OR): [latest here](#)

Trees are Key podcast (TX A&M Forestry): [series here](#)

[Peak Northwest Podcast](#)

Top 15 Arborist Podcasts You Must Follow in 2021 ([feedspot.com](#))

[Podcast: Reforestation done right, from Haiti to Honduras to Ho Chi Minh City](#) – July 14



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Mission: The TreePAC mission is to influence local government to protect, maintain and increase the Seattle-area urban forest.

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