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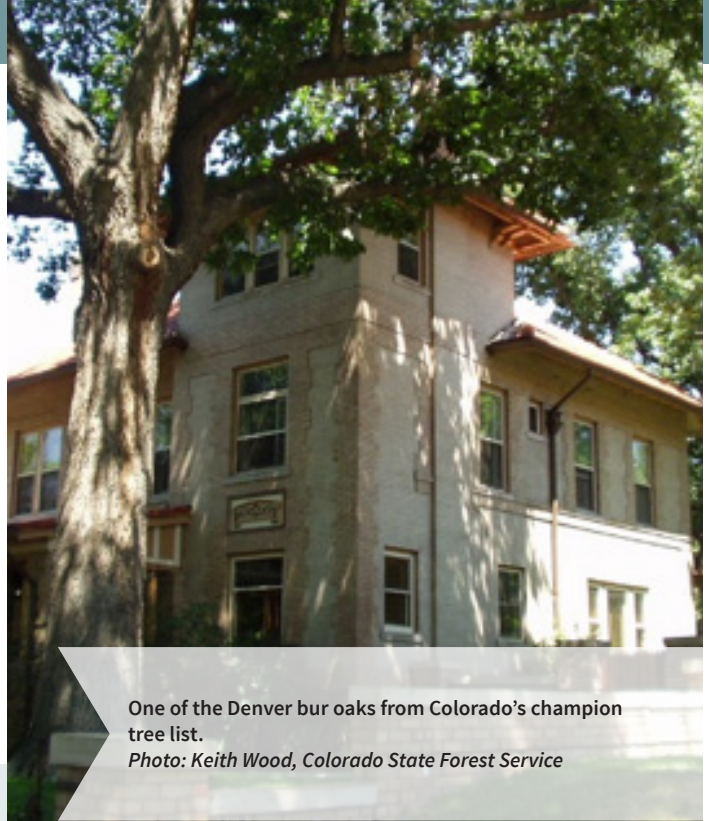
The Tree Collections tool of the Colorado State Forest Service links users to a network of diverse tree collections throughout the state, while also delivering consistent and comprehensive individual tree species information. The tool works to educate a diverse population and create a network of members, volunteers, and partners.

Urban and Community Forestry “beyond the zone” success stories in the Colorado State Forest Service are closely aligned with the efforts and commitment of the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) and its network of members, volunteers, and partners. The CTC can trace its beginning to the creation of the America the Beautiful program enacted by President George H.W. Bush in the 1990 Farm Bill, and since has been developing programs that think and inspire “beyond the zone” through its 25+ year existence.

One such program is the recently launched Tree Collections web tool (<https://treecollections.com>). An inspiration to inform regarding potential replacement trees for ash in light of emerald ash borer detection in Boulder in the Fall of 2013, the Tree Collection website is a tool to educate Coloradoans about the diverse array of trees that can be grown in Colorado.

The Tree Collections program creates a unique platform that links users to a network of diverse tree collections throughout the state, while also delivering consistent and comprehensive individual tree species information. Tree Collections is an educational tool for all seasons that can be utilized by students, curious visitors, nature lovers, and tree people alike.

Tree Collections, such as community arboretums, and other unique landscapes within a community with a diverse set of trees, are being added to the site to enable those with mobile and desktop devices alike to learn more about these diverse species.



One of the Denver bur oaks from Colorado's champion tree list.

Photo: Keith Wood, Colorado State Forest Service

A future update to this site will include information and mapping of champion and other notable trees in Colorado. Users will be able to select the champion tree layer and zoom to their location on their device to learn more about the largest specimens of these diverse set of trees in the state.

The intent of this tool adds to the other complement of tree selection tools in Colorado to help create a more diverse, resilient urban forest resistant to the impacts of invasive pests, climate change and other future threats to our urban forests. The Tree Collections tool helps to educate Coloradoans about the diverse array of trees that can be grown in Colorado, intending to inspire Colorado residents to think “beyond the zone”.

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