Urban Forestry, Pests & Diseases



The Bigger Picture

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Outline

- About disturbances and calamities in urban forests.
- Not all pest and disease outbreaks are calamities
- What do we loose?
- Communication is key
- Change for the better
- Working in partnership





DISTURBANCES, CALAMITIES & URBAN FORESTS



About 'Disturbance'

- The interruption of a settled and peaceful condition
- The disruption of healthy functioning

Oxford Online Dictionary



Disturbance in Biology & Ecology

Temporary change in environmental conditions causing **pronounced change** in an ecosystem.



Often act **quickly** and with **great effect**, to **alter** the physical structure or arrangement of biotic and abiotic elements.

Pulse disturbance events: relative discrete events, such as extreme weather events, fire, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, pest and disease outbreaks.

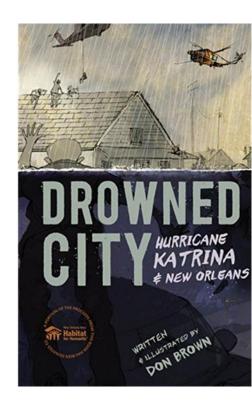
Devastating human impacts on the environment (e.g. introduction of invasive species).

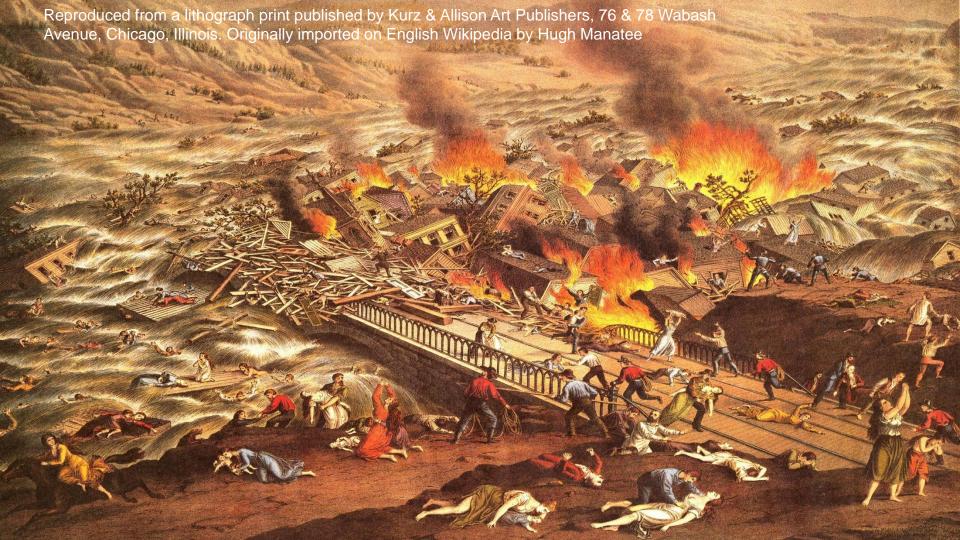
A Few More Thoughts on Disturbance

Scale and impact of ecological disturbances can differ widely

 Disturbances impact ecosystems, urban forests – but also humans and communities

 Calamities: an event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster (Oxford Online Dictionary)





When Things Become Really Bad...

- Calamities: an event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster
- In urban forestry: a major loss of urban forest canopy over a short period of time

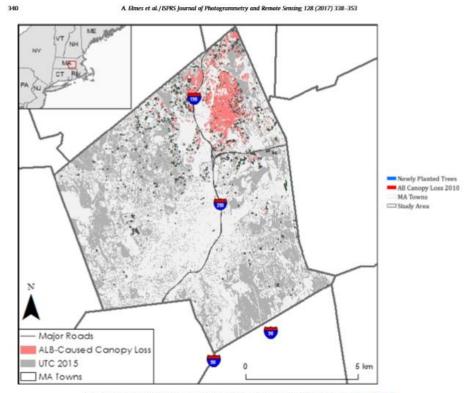
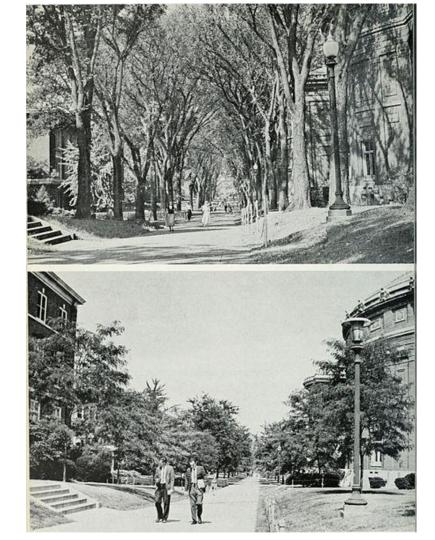


Fig. 1. Study area map, showing 2008-2010 Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) loss areas, created by Hostetler et al. (2013).

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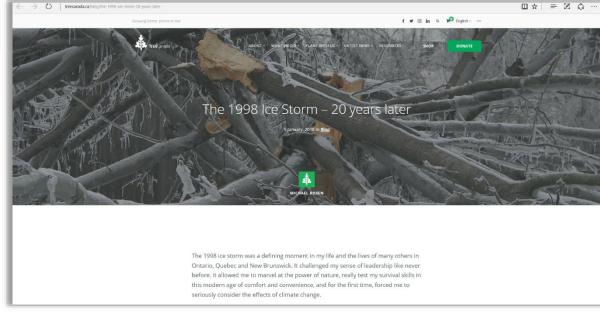
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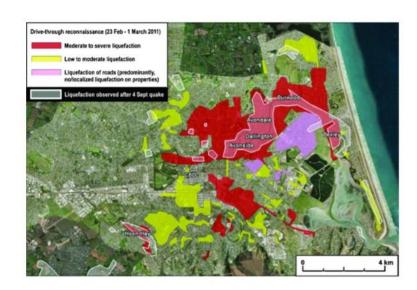


Fig. 1. Extent and severity of liquefaction following the February 2011 and September 2010 earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand. Based on drive-through reconnaissance and aerial imagery inspection (Cubrinovski and Taylor, 2011).









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Results

There was an increase in mortality related to cardiovascular and lower-respiratory-tract illness in counties infested with the emerald ash borer. The magnitude of this effect was greater as infestation progressed and in counties with above-average median household income. Across the 15 states in the study area, the borer was associated with an additional 6113 deaths related to illness of the lower respiratory system, and 15,080 cardiovascular-related deaths.



American Journal of Preventive Medicine

Volume 44, Issue 2, February 2013, Pages 139-145



Research article

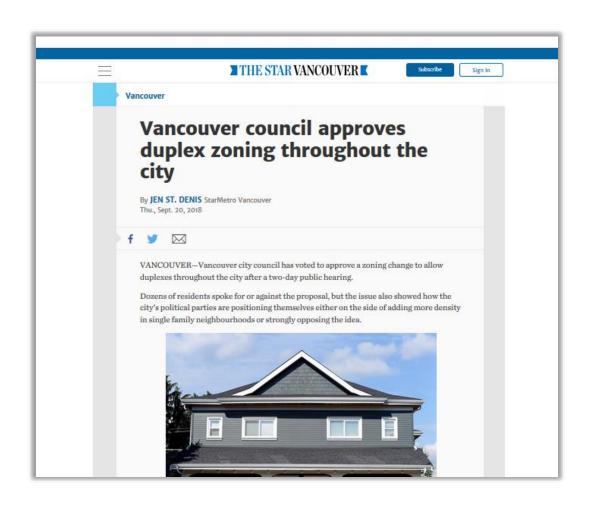
The Relationship Between Trees and Human Health: Evidence from the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer

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NOT ALL PEST DISTURBANCES ARE CALAMITIES

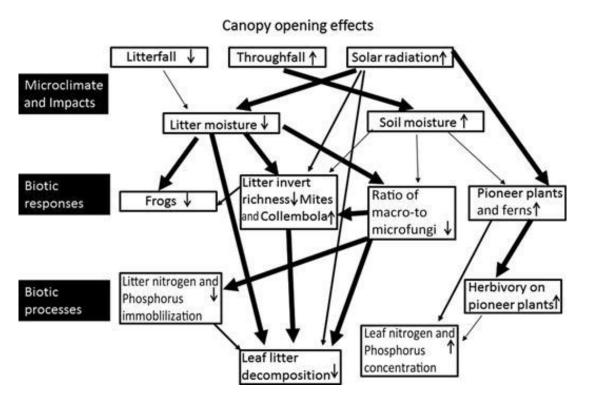


Impacts of Disturbances

- Impact on individual trees
- Loss of canopy
- Change in urban forest structure and composition
- Change in species diversity

These all impact urban ecosystems, their functioning, and the ecosystem services provided

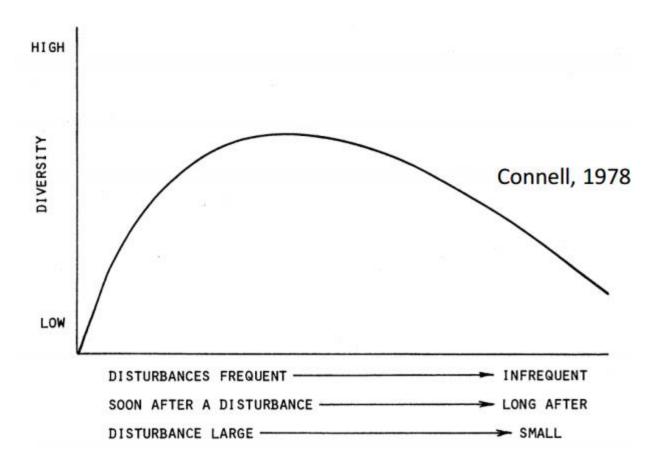




Shields et al. (2015) – work in Puerto Rico

Cascading effects from canopy openness accounted for most of the shifts in the forest biota and biotic processes, which included increased plant recruitment and richness, as well as the decreased abundance and diversity of several animal groups. Canopy opening decreased litterfall and litter moisture, thereby inhibiting lignin-degrading fungi, which slowed decomposition.

Intermedia Disturbance Hypothesis







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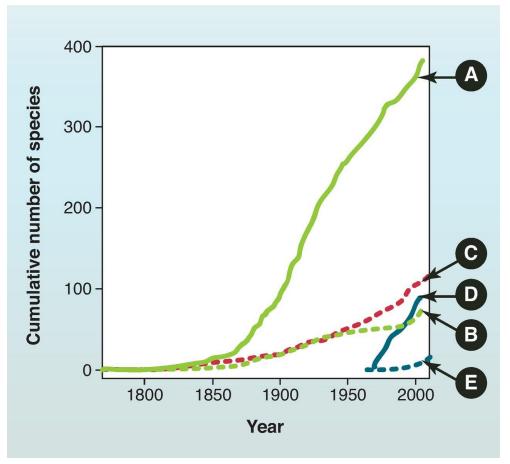
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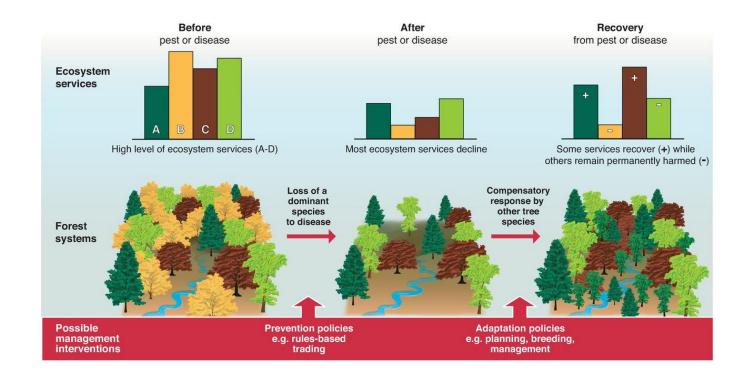
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COMMUNICATION IS KEY



What's good and what's bad with current

communication?





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ASH BORER IS HERE! Now What?

A workshop for municipal, First Nation, commercial and environmental decision makers and managers of urban and natural forests threatened by EAB



Workshop 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (sign-in begins at 7:30 am)

Public Open House 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

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Know Your Enemy! THE EMERALD ASH BORER







news City of Winnipeg looks for help managing Dutch elm, emerald ash borer

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City of Winnipeg looks for help managing Dutch elm, emerald ash borer







'Scope and urgency' of emerald ash borer control program expected to rapidly grow, city says



Laura Glowacki - CBC News - Posted: Mar 29, 2019 1:57 PM CT | Last Updated: March 29



Winnipeg is looking for consultants to develop a 20-year urban forest strategy that takes into account the impact of pests like Dutch elm and emerald ash borer. (Getty Images)



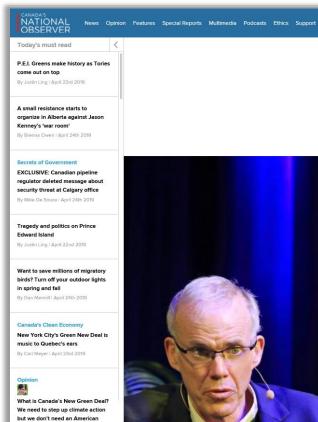


DUMPING YARD WASTE

in our greenspaces

It spreads **invasive species** and **smothers** native forest plants.





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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



The Complexity of Disturbance

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- Different causes, levels, scales
- Different impacts
- Impact on urban forests, urban people, and their many relationships
- From disturbance and even disaster to opportunity

Resilience

The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness

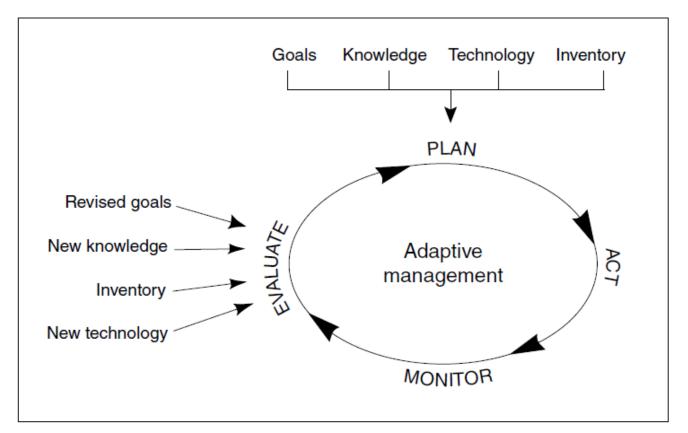
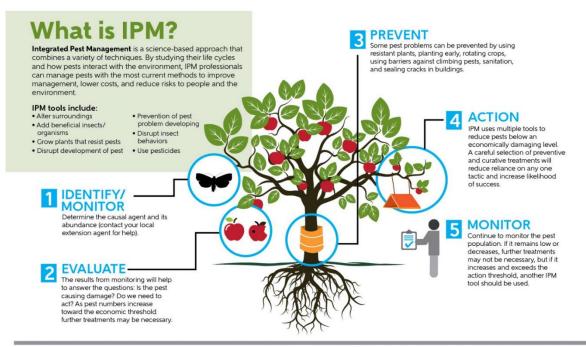


Figure 2—The adaptive management cycle (USDA USDI 1994: E-14).







WHERE CAN YOU PRACTICE IPM?



Buildings and Homes:

Inspect, identify pests, keep pests out, clean to deny pests food and water, vacuum, trap, or use low-risk pesticides.



Farms:

Check for pests/pest damage regularly, identify accurately, choose pest-resistant plant varieties, encourage/introduce beneficial insects, time planting to avoid pests, and if needed use low-risk pesticides.



Managed Natural Systems: Identify the pest and use management

Identify the pest and use manager options that have minimal risks to pollinators, humans, and pets.



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Acer	Citrus longhorn beetle (Anoplophora chinensis)	Citrus longhorn beetle is not yet in the UK. However, familiarisation with the symptoms is suggested and notification of relevant authorities essential in the event of a discovery.	Cut flowers or branches; Plants for planting (except seeds bulbs and tubers)	EU Annex 1	30
	Asian longhorn beetle (Anoplophora glabripennis)	Asian longhorn beetle is not yet in the UK. However, familiarisation with the symptoms is suggested and notification of relevant authorities essential in the event of a discovery.	Plants for planting (except seeds bulbs and tubers); Wood and wood products; Wood packaging material	EC IAI; EPPO A1	40
	Sweet chestnut blight (Cryphonectria parasitica)	Suppliers must be able to supply a Plant Passport. If possible, order plants early and quarantine in a low risk area for a period of time before planting	Plants for planting (except seeds bulbs and tubers)	Annex IIB (UK protected zone) and plant passporting reqs	30



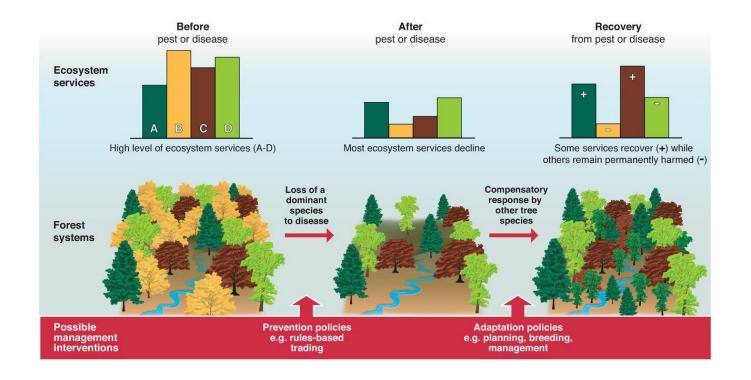




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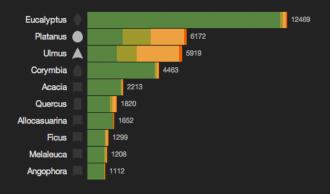
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MELBURNE Urban Forest Visual

Diversity Why is diversity important?

Melbourne's most common tree types - graphed by genus - coloured by useful lifetime



Increasing diversity

A lack of species diversity leaves the urban forest vulnerable to threats from pests, disease, and stress due to climate change. Currently our urban forest is dominated by eucalypts, planes, elms and gums (corymbias). Many of these trees were planted at the same time during condensed periods of planting activity, and large numbers of elms and planes are now reaching the end of their useful life expectancy.

37% of planes have a life expectancy of less than 10 years.



50% of elms have a life expectancy of less than 10 years.

Reducing Risk

Combined with the substantial losses associated with an ageing tree population, myrtle rust and sycamore lace bug are current threats to the Eucalyptus, Corymbia and Platanus genera. Diversification is a basic rule for reducing risk. A greater range of species will provide greater resilience and long-term stability for the forest as a whole.



URBAN TREE DIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES



Policy brief

the actions required to

achieve high urban

tree diversity

Some species are better than others at providing any single ecosystem service, due to intrinsic (i.e. morphological and physiological) and temporal (diurnal or seasonal effects) characteristics. For example, the traditional Japanese custom of Hanami (a cultural service) is dependent upon the flowering of the cherry tree (Prunus spp.). So in order to optimise multiple ecosystem services, it is essential to promote species diversity, age and size diversity.

To optimise one ecosystem service, diversity is unnecessary. But in order to optimise multiple ecosystem services, high urban tree diversity is essential.

Diverse Urban Forests are Resistant and Resilient to Disturbance

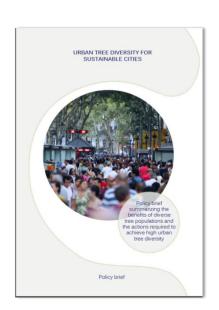
Species diversity, diversity within a species, age and size diversity are also necessary for urban ecosystem adaptability—an adaptable ecosystem is resistant and resilient to disturbance. Such adaptability allows urban forests to provide long-term ecosystem services in the face of biotic and abiotic change. Recent pest outbreaks and the environmental changes resulting from climate change highlight the need for species diversity and within-species genetic diversity to achieve a resistant and resilient urban forest.

Urban
forest diversity
provides resistance
and resilience to
disturbances including
climate change and
pests and/or
disease.

5 Key Actions to Promote Diversity



- 1) Understand your city's tree diversity (and legacy!).
- 2) Establish locally-relevant species diversity goals.
- 3) Determine which species and cultivars are best suited for your urban environment (and remember to think ahead future climate).
- 4) Include local actors in diversity action.
- 5) Develop a locally-relevant species prescription.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Warming and drought combine to increase pest insect fitness on urban trees

Adam G. Dale , Steven D. Frank

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Abstract

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Introduction

Materials and methods

Results

Discussion

Urban habitats are characterized by impervious surfaces, which increase temperatures and reduce water availability to plants. The effects of these conditions on herbivorous insects are not well understood, but may provide insight into future conditions. Three primary hypotheses have been proposed to explain why multiple herbivorous arthropods are more abundant and damaging in cities, and support has been found for each. First, less complex vegetation may and the first and an artist of a sale. Consend along the state of a sale and along the state of a sale and a s

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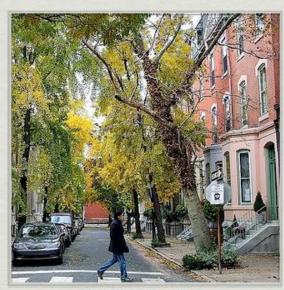
Fitness



Jehane Samaha MSc student

Urban Tree Selection Study

- * What tree selection criteria do various professional groups prioritize?
- * What trees will be excellent to plant in future cities?
- * Online survey: temperate North America.
- * Case study interviews: Philadelphia area.



PHILADELPHIA URBAN FOREST PHOTO CREDIT: METROPOLIS

SURVEY DETAILS



- 979 professionals completed the online survey
- Largest groups: urban forestry (296), arboriculture (197), public horticulture (119)
- Differences in e.g. tree preferences and 'palette'

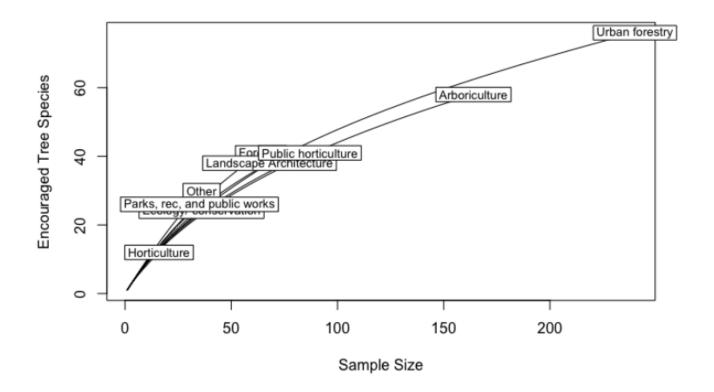


Figure 12: Rarefaction curves for the palettes of encouraged tree species identified by each professional field.

Source: M.Sc. Thesis Jehane Samaha, UBC

Key to Profiles Tree Selector Contents Environmental Use potential O Crown form page tolerance Ornamental Alphabetical Index Mature size Crown density qualities. Use potential Park Paved SuDS Small Coastal Transport garden corridor ... ш Mature size A medium tree A small tree A massive tree A large tree (capable of reaching >25m) (mature size of 15-25m) (mature size of 10-15m) (mature size of <10m) 15-25M 10-15M Globular - rounded, circular Crown form Ovoid - elliptic to egg-shaped, Obovoid - elliptic to egg-shaped, Conical - approaching form; vertical and horizontal broadest at crown apex, vertical broadest at the base, vertical triangular in outline, axis about equal axis exceeding horizontal axis axis exceeding horizontal axis broadest at base Columnar - cylindrical, Irregular - asymmetrical, Weeping - weeping branches Vase shaped vertical axis greatly exceeding uneven outline horizontal axis Crown density A dense crown A moderately dense crown An open crown **Natural habitat** Environmental Tolerant to shade Moderately tolerant to shade Partially tolerant to shade Intolerant to shade tolerance Moderately tolerant Tolerant to drought Moderately sensitive Sensitive to drought to drought to drought Tolerant to waterlogging Moderately tolerant Moderately sensitive Sensitive to waterlogging to waterlogging to waterlogging Ornamental Peak flowering times Peak fruiting times qualities Deciduous broadleaved Evergreen broadleaved Deciduous conifer Evergreen conifer Single-stemmed Multi-stemmed Issues to be aware of



Ginkgo biloba (Maidenhair tree)

















Park



Transport corridor

Mature

Tree Selector



Ornamental qualities



Paved



The tree and its features

Tree size and crown characteristics



A massive tree, capable of reaching 30m. Typically smaller in cultivation.



Ovoid, becoming more irregular with age.



A moderately dense crown.

Natural habitat



Native of the Yangtze valley in China as part of the transitional mixed mesophytic deciduous forest bordering the subtropical evergreen broadleaved forest. Found in valleys 300-1100m, on acidic. well-drained, silty soil. However, Ginkgo biloba has proven highly adaptable to a range of soil types.

Environmental tolerance



Partially tolerant to shade.



Tolerant to drought.



Sensitive to waterlogging.

Ornamental qualities



Male and female flowers are found on separate trees (dioecious). Both have little ornamental value.



Female trees produce drupe fruit, singly or in pairs which ripen by late autumn. Ripe fruits smell of rancid butter, for this reason male trees make better selections for urban environments.



Deciduous gymnosperm (botanically, Ginkgo biloba is not a conifer) with simple leaves. Autumn colouration is excellent with leaves turning a golden vellow.



Single-stemmed with greyish bark, becoming more deeply fissured with age.



Issues to be aware of



Ripe fruits smell of rancid butter so is undesirable for most urban plantings. The juice form the fruit can also cause skin irritation.

Notable varieties



Male clones 'Autumn Gold', 'Lakeview', 'Princeton Sentry'.

Male clones narrow

'Fastigiata', 'Fairmount'.

Notes

- A very robust tree that is also observed to have some tolerance to salt and air pollution.
- Ginkgo is known to be a high emitter of Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds (BVOCs).





Left: Ginkgo biloba provides excellent autumn colour and visual interest in a public square. © Andrew Hirons Right: The simple leaves of Ginkgo biloba are highly distinctive. @ Andrew Hirors





Left: The male flower of Ginkgo biloba, @ Duncan Slater Right: This drupe fruit from female Ginkgo biloba trees smell terrible when ripe. For this reason, it is best to use male clones. @ Duncan Slates



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Town of Oakville
Parks and Open Space Department, Forestry Section



MAJOR FINDINGS

FEATURE	MEASURE		
Number of trees in Oakville	1.9 million		
Number of trees owned by the Town	820,000 (43%)		
Top 3 species by leaf area	sugar maple, Norway maple, silver maple		
Average Urban Forest Canopy Cover	29.1%		
Urban Forest Canopy Cover in 2046	40%		
(UFORE Grow-out Module simulation)			
Replacement value of the urban forest	\$878 million		
Carbon sequestration	6,000 tonnes/year (\$141,000)		
CO ₂ filtered by all trees	22,000 tonnes		
CO ₂ filtered by Town trees	6,300 tonnes (28% of total CO2 filtered)		
Criteria pollutants removed	172 tonnes (\$1.12 million)		
Energy savings	\$840,000		
Major pest damage threat	Emerald Ash Borer, \$86.1 million		

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP (AND BEING CREATIVE)



Are there less conventional partner to involve?

Who are the key partners?

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Search Problems

PROBLEM

Dutch elm disease

OTHER NAMES:

Ceratcystis ulmi

NATURE:

Dutch elm disease is a fungal plant disease. The fungus is most frequently carried from tree to tree by female bark beetles. The leaves on one or more branches of a stricken tree suddenly wilt, turn dull green to yellow or brown then curl and finally drop off. On young trees the progress of the disease is rapid as the fungus spreads quickly through vascular tissue and the tree generally dies within two months; older, less vigorous trees take several years to die.

BROADER PROBLEMS:

Fungal plant diseases

Pests and diseases of elm

Fungal plant diseases caused by ascomycetes



U of T News

U of T scientists map genome that causes Dutch Elm Disease



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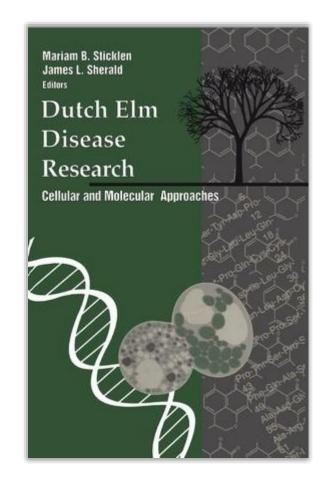
Dutch Elm Disease: Ophiostoma novo-ulmi; O. ulmi

Introduction

The rise of Dutch Elm Disease has been a devastating event in the history of tree diseases. It is caused by the fungi *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* and *O. ulmi* and is vectored by bark beetles. The disease is referred to as

Symptoms and Signs

Symptoms develop quickly within a 4-5 week period and usually when the leaves have reached full size. The first visual symptom usually observed within the crown of the tree is referred to as "flagging". This





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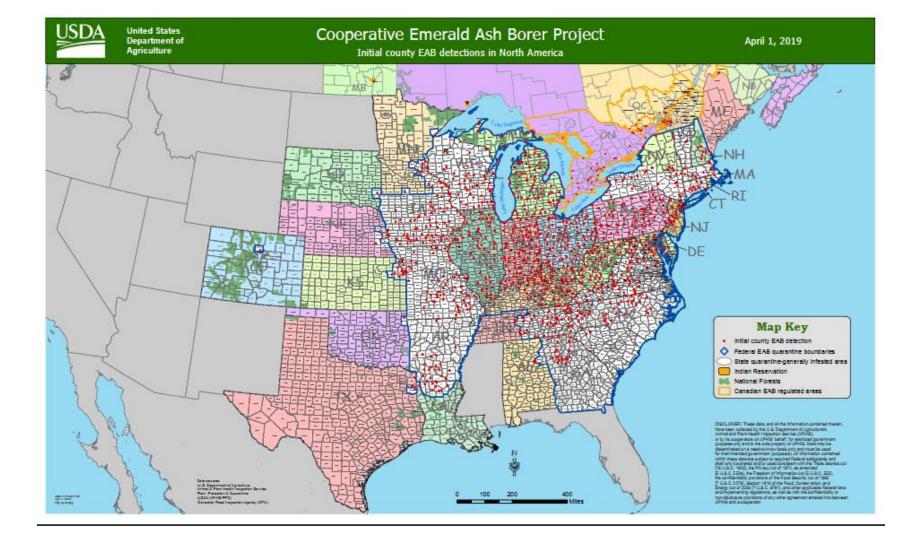
City teams up with UWinnipeg for Dutch elm disease research

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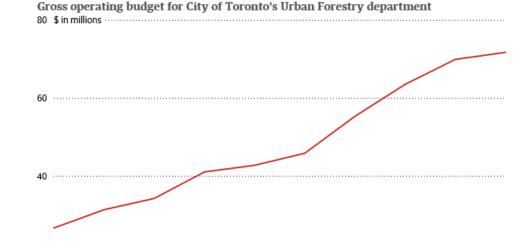
Early removal of "brood" trees a more targeted approach in the battle against Dutch elm disease

The City of Winnipeg's Urban Forestry Branch is collaborating with The University of Winnipeg on a research project to identify and prioritize the early removal of brood trees. Brood trees are trees that the female elm bark beetle uses to lay eggs and establish her brood (a new generation of beetles). These brood trees represent the small percentage of diseased elm trees that host the majority of elm bark beetle brood. The goal is to develop a simple, cost efficient and quick sampling technique to help prioritize trees for rapid removal. The pilot project will also assess the effectiveness of this approach.



Over the past decade, the city has diverted more resources to urban forestry, with the department's gross operating budget increasing to \$71.8-million this year from \$26.7-million in 2007, with about two-thirds of the current funding going to maintenance. But millions more are needed to bring the city's tree maintenance in

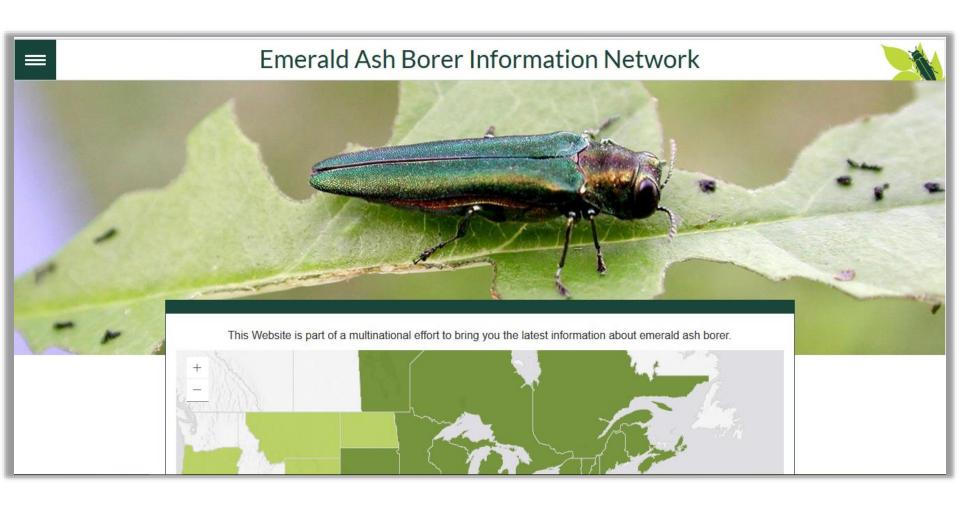
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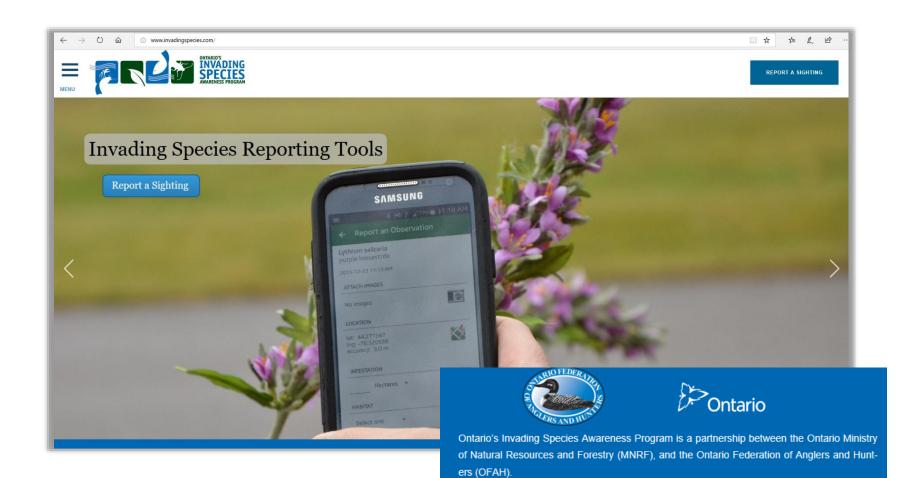




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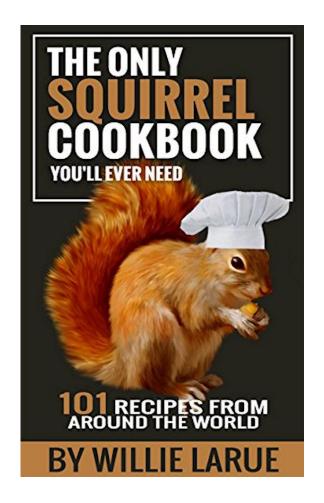








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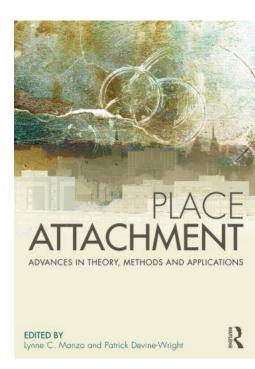


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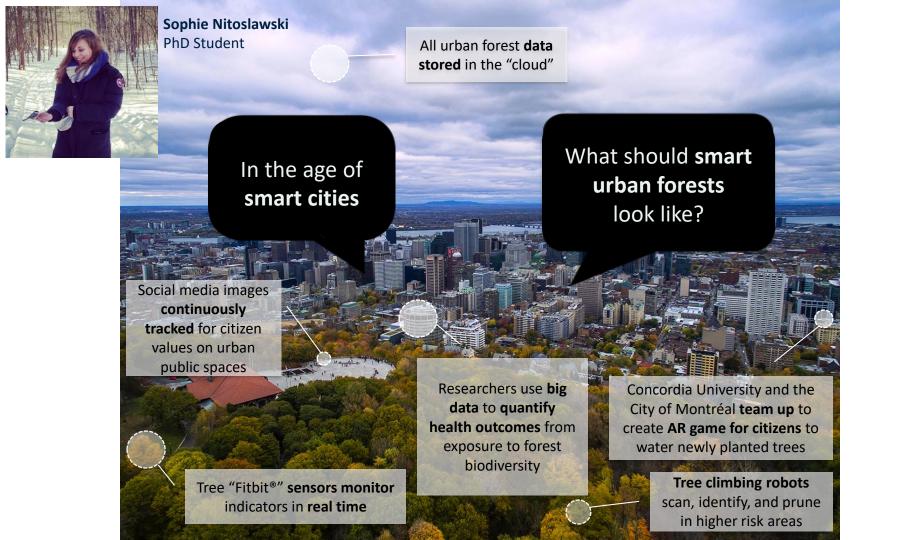
Place attachments are the **positive bonds people form with places**, arising from affective, behavioural, and cognitive ties
between individuals or groups and their sociophysical settings

Forming **profound attachments** to homes and neighbourhoods, which facilitate stability, identity, and positive experiences

From: Brown et al. (2012)











The Urban Forest - Diverse in Nature







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TREES AS INFRASTRUCTURE

About







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Trees have always been a vital part of the urban fabric. They are now more important than ever for the multiple benefits they contribute to the liveability of cities faced by changing climate and urban densification.

Urban forestry is an integrated, evidence-based approach to maximising the benefits of trees and other vegetation in cities. Research shows that well-designed and well-managed urban forests remaids multiple benefits includion remaids and well-managed urban forests.

industry, community advocacy, environmental health, and policy management with a desire to develop their skills and knowledge in the multidisciplinary field of Urban Forestry.

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Synopsis

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