



Heritage Trees of Portland

DAWN REDWOOD (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) CUPRESSACEAE

- Native to provinces of Sichuan/Hupei, China; nearly extinct there; first found by botanist in 1941, named in 1946, introduced to U.S. in 1948 as seeds.
- Height can reach 165' in native habitat.
- Deciduous conifer; leaves opposite, branch resembles a feather.
- Cones 1" long, resemble Coast redwood cones.
- Fall color apricot/gold before fall leaf drop.
- Small trees somewhat common in Portland; #246 was a cutting from 1948 Hoyt Arboretum (first tree to bear cones in Western hemisphere in 8 million years).
- #254 was planted from seed in 1948 - the first seed to reach the Western hemisphere in 16 million years. The planter was Ruth Hansen, a founder of the American Rhododendron Society, the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, and the Oregon Native Plant Society. She was also one of the original landscape designers of Timberline Lodge in 1937. She died at age 93 in 2003.



246 Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)

2562 SW Hillcrest Dr*
or x 2534 SW Ravensview Dr

H 75, S 25, C 8.3



253 Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)

1617 NE Brazee*

H 69, S 30, C 8.4



254 Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)

3514 N. Russet*

H 70, S 25, C 8.5

LEGEND			
* X cr. nr.	privately owned	H	height
	across from	S	canopy spread
	corner	C	circumference of trunk
	near	(all measurements in feet)	