



Heritage Trees of Portland

EMPRESS TREE (*Paulownia tomentosa*) SCROPHULARIACEAE

- Native to China and Korea.
- Height can approach 100'.
- Leaves are very large, heart-shaped, and fuzzy; resemble leaf of sunflower.
- Flowers in long (1') upright clusters; fragrant, violet in color; resemble giant snapdragons. Fruit is large capsule full of tiny seeds; it was packing material of the 19th century - protecting shiploads of china from China. The pods were tossed out along the east coast RR tracks, causing this tree to naturalize in the East.
- Tree is fast-growing. Wood used in Japan for sandals (geta) and some furniture.
- Not very common in Portland. This Heritage Tree is largest in city; planted late 1800s.



51 Empress tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*)

NW Hoyt & 20th, Metro Learning Center

H 60, S 51, C 16.25

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