

## Duncan's White Pine 70 Lang Cres SW



Native to eastern North America, the Eastern White Pine has an interesting history. Medicine Hat's example is special in its own right. It is well known in arborist circles and was planted by Duncan Hargrave, the famed horticulturalist who was one of the legendary scientists at Brooks Horticultural Research Station. Duncan's White Pine is a real beauty.

### Pride and Respect

Hatters are very proud of their Heritage Trees. You are welcome to visit these trees, but please respect the privacy and rights of property owners.

**Heritage Trees of Alberta Program** is a project of the Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada. The program mission is to increase understanding of the valuable contribution of trees to our society and to inspire stewardship into the future.

For more information please visit:  
[www.heritagetreefoundation.com](http://www.heritagetreefoundation.com)

## Golden Plume Honey Locust 302 Prospect Dr SW



Honey Locust trees, though not native to the prairies, are excellent ornamentals because of their tolerance for urban life, fast growth and endurance of poor conditions. The two Golden Plume Honey Locusts (on Prospect Drive) are Heritage Trees by virtue of their special interest and fine condition.

### What is a Heritage Tree?

Heritage Trees are those of particular interest because of such qualities as their history, age, size, shape, location or other special qualities. Like historic buildings, pioneer families and past events, heritage trees and their stories are a living link to our past. They add to the full picture of our history and community and are a direct connection to people and to nature. Medicine Hat has many trees that could be considered a heritage tree but seven trees have been locally designated as part of the Heritage Trees of Alberta Program.

**For more information about the Heritage Resources Committee, please visit the City of Medicine Hat, Planning Building and Development website at:**  
[www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

# Heritage Trees of Medicine Hat



## A living history guide

*"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."* Greek Proverb



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### **Hargrave Plains Cottonwood 110 Third St NE**



Medicine Hat's first planted tree (in 1888) celebrated the birth of Heather Hargrave Murray. The Hargraves were one of the first pioneer families that ranched and started businesses in the area. Just around the corner on 4 Street NE, is Hargrave Park, dedicated in 1936.

### **St. Joseph's Elm 156 Third St NE**



"Alberta's most beautiful American Elm" was planted in the mid 1930's, possibly to commemorate a birth. The elm is the magnificent center piece of the gardens which feature the James Marshall Stations of the Cross brick sculptures at St. Joseph's Home - Carmel Hospice.

### **The Bassett Black Walnuts 114A Third St NE**



Three stately Black Walnut trees stand as a testament to Medicine Hat's welcoming climate for unusual tree species. Earl Bassett's gardening legacy lives on through the many offspring of these trees growing throughout the city.

### **McCharles Park "Dragons" Gershaw Dr & Third St SW**



*Yun Shan* (Chinese for "Dragon Spruce") are native to western China and typically do not grow in Medicine Hat's "hardiness" zone. The splendid example located in the City-owned Dan McCharles Park is further proof of Medicine Hat's sunny and obliging climate.

### **Plains Cottonwood Police Point Park**



The massive 250 to 300 year old Plains Cottonwoods in Police Point Park are truly a natural wonder. Imagine, when they were saplings, North America's entire population was only 2 million people, and Russian explorers had just discovered Alaska. Whether standing or fallen, alive or dead, these gnarled giants provide a perfect home for many different species of animals.

Police Point Park may well be the finest example of a cottonwood forest along the length of the South Saskatchewan River.

