

Trees at Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek



Box Elder *Acer negundo*

This quick growing tree is related to the maple and can be found in moist, open areas.

The sap can be used for making sugar, syrup and candies. Early settlers used the wood to make handles, spoons, furniture and charcoal.



Catalpa *Catalpa speciosa*

This species can grow to be very large and has clusters of showy, white flowers in the spring.

Even though it is considered a weak wood, it is commonly used for fenceposts.



Dogwood *Cornus Florida*

This tree has attractive white flowers in the spring and crimson leaves in the fall.

The wood is extremely hard and was used for making mallet heads. Sometimes it is used today for making golf club heads.



Silver Maple
Acer saccharinum

This tree's native habitat is along river banks and floodplains.

Its wood was often used to make butter molds and spoons. Burls, or round bumps on the tree, were used to make bowls.



Sugar Maple
Acer saccharum

The sugar maple is spectacular in the fall with its clear yellow foliage, making a cloudy day seem like a sunny one.

The wood is very strong and hard. Pioneers used the wood for tool handles and gun stocks.



Green Ash
Fraxinus pennsylvanica

The green ash is found on river floodplains and creek banks.

Its wood is preferred for basket weaving because it splits evenly along the annual rings.