

Temperate Asia Collection Member Trail Mixer

Scavenger Hunt Answer Key

Upper Loop

1. Asia and North America have many closely related plant species because they share the same climate zone. What is this zone called?
TEMPERATE ZONE
2. What bird is the Arboretum trying to attract in the green, metal nesting box as you head toward the paperbark maple conservation grove? Be careful not to disturb the box or any inhabitants!
Fun fact: These birds were once in serious decline in the Midwest, but boxes like this have helped by offering safe nesting habitat.
BLUE BIRD
3. What organization listed the paperbark maple as endangered?
THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN)
4. Many of the Arboretum's trees have metal tags affixed to them that give information about the tree, its origins, and location within the Arboretum. On which side of the tree are tags typically found?
SOUTH
5. This lilac grows more like a tree and blooms in early summer unlike its earlier spring-blooming relatives.
AMUR LILAC
6. What tree and country featured in the Diplomacy of Flowers in the early 1900s?
FLOWERING CHERRY TREE and JAPAN
7. Find the large Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) as you turn to head north up the path from the cherry trees. What do you notice on this tree that most other trees don't have? *Hint: It is to protect this beauty from a common element of summer storms in Illinois.*
IT HAS A LIGHTENING CABLE AS PART OF A PROTECTION SYSTEM

Lower Loop

1. The flowers from this tree were a symbol of purity in the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD).
LILY TREE
2. The apples we eat today are genetically related to this tree that has existed for millennia.
CAUCASAS APPLE
3. This tree was thought to be extinct until a wild population was found in China in 1944.
DAWN REDWOOD