

Some of the many species at the Arboretum:

<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horsechestnut
<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	Serviceberry
<i>Betula platyphylla</i>	Japanese White Birch
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	European Hornbeam
<i>Cersis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	Japanese Quince
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Hinoki False Cypress
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsuratree
<i>Clethera alnifolia</i>	Summersweet Clethera
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood
<i>Cornus mas 'Golden Glory'</i>	Cornelian Cherry
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	Green Hawthorn
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Yellow Witchhazel
<i>Halesia carolina</i>	Carolina Silverbell
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven-son Flower
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Juniperus formosana</i>	Formosan Juniper
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Golden Raintree
<i>Larix laricina</i>	American Larch
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Apple
<i>Magnolia soulangeana</i>	Saucer Magnolia
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood
<i>Morus rubra 'pendula'</i>	Red Weeping Mulberry
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Tupelo
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Persian Parrotia
<i>Philadelphus x virginalis</i>	Mock Orange
<i>Prunus subhirtella</i>	Weeping Cherry
<i>Prunus 'Hally Jolivette'</i>	Flowering Mist Cherry
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Flowering Pear
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Rhododendron 'Olga'</i>	Rhododendron Olga
<i>Salix sachalinensis</i>	Faciated Willow
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras
<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i>	Japanese Umbrella Pine
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	Korean Mountain Ash
<i>Spiraea x vanhouttei</i>	Vanhoutte Spirea
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese Stewartia
<i>Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'</i>	Littleleaf Linden
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry



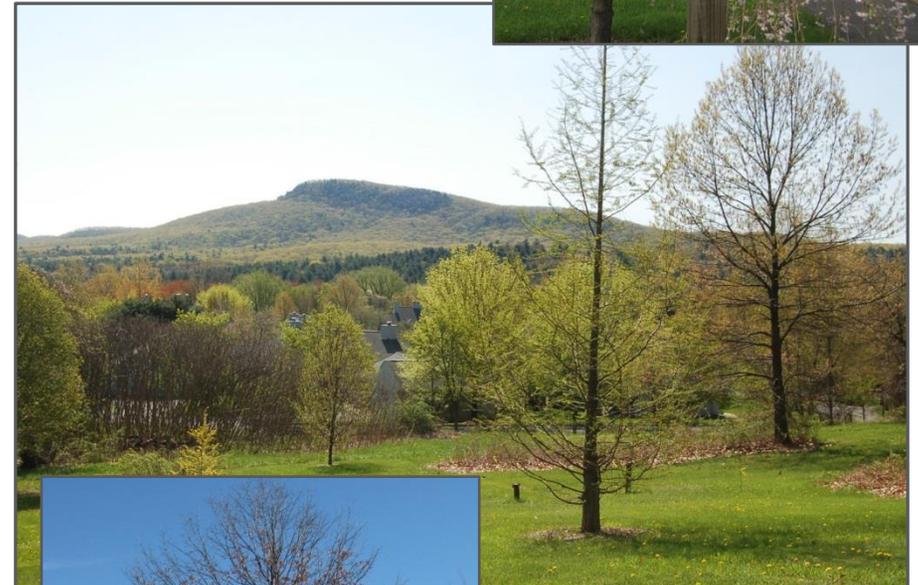
The Orchard Arboretum has a diverse collection of more than 75 common and unusual species of trees and shrubs to be enjoyed during all seasons by Applewood residents and the community.

Orchard Arboretum Committee and the Town of Amherst Conservation Department



# The Orchard Arboretum at Applewood

A place to enjoy the trees, the view, the quiet.



Located on the south side of Applewood at Amherst One Spencer Drive off West Bay Road Amherst, Mass

The Orchard Arboretum is a town conservation area, open to the public from dawn to dusk.

It is ideal for birding, photography, reading, botanical study, contemplation, conversation.

The paved path is accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.



## History of the Orchard Arboretum

Much of the hillside south of Bay Road in South Amherst had for many years been covered with apple orchards owned by the Atkins Family. However, as the orchard began to age and became unprofitable, it was gradually abandoned or sold off for development.



Attracted by the scenic location, in 1991, a small group dedicated to having a retirement community in Amherst bought 16 acres here and built the Applewood Retirement Community. Many residents cherished the overgrown apple orchard across from the main entrance, and having always considered it a part of Applewood, were stunned to learn in January 1994 that it was going to be sold for a condominium development.

Applewood residents and others in the community, including major support from a bequest given by Janet Dakin, raised the \$175,000 needed to purchase the 6-acre orchard. The Kestrel Trust, a local land trust, assisted in acquiring the land and then transferred it to the Town of Amherst under the care and control of the Conservation Department with the proviso that it would be maintained as open land in perpetuity.

The Applewood Orchard Arboretum Committee works with the Conservation Department to help finance and maintain a 2-acre area as an arboretum. The aging apple trees have gradually been replaced with more than 150 trees and shrubs covering more than 75 species. Many of them were planted in memoriam by Applewood residents and their families. Additional contributions have allowed for the installation of benches and a paved walkway making it accessible for all users. The Town Conservation Department maintains the remaining 4 acres of the conservation area as old field habitat for birds and wildlife.

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