

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## Join us for the Seattle Giant Sequoia Search!

Join the Last 6,000 in the month of March for the **Seattle Giant Sequoia Search**. Since we began our campaign, volunteers have submitted over 1400 majestic trees and nearly 50 of those have been *Giant Sequoias*. We want to increase that number to 70. Stay tuned to our **Instagram account** @thelast6000 and our **website** [www.thelast6000.org](http://www.thelast6000.org) for updates.

## Sequoias are Inspiring

“The redwoods, once seen, leave a mark or create a vision that stays with you always... From them comes silence and awe. It’s not only their unbelievable stature, nor the color which seems to shift and vary under your eyes, no, they are not like any trees we know, they are ambassadors from another time.”

John Steinbeck

### *A Giant in our Midst...*

Our Winter 2021 Newsletter features the largest trees on earth; *Sequoiadendron Gigantium*, or the **Giant Sequoia**. Also known as the Sierra Redwood, the Giant Sequoia has an immense trunk and is the largest tree by volume in the world. Seattle also has a number of Coast Redwoods or *Sequoia Sempervirens* which have a more slender trunk and are the *tallest* trees in the world (see Page 3 for a comparison of the two).



### *How Do you Know it's a Giant Sequoia?*



**Cones** are woody, egg-shaped and extremely hard



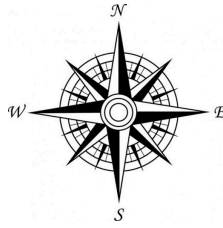
**Needles** are short and scale like with sharp points that stick out from the twigs, and can be prickly



The **bark** is reddish brown, stinging and very thick



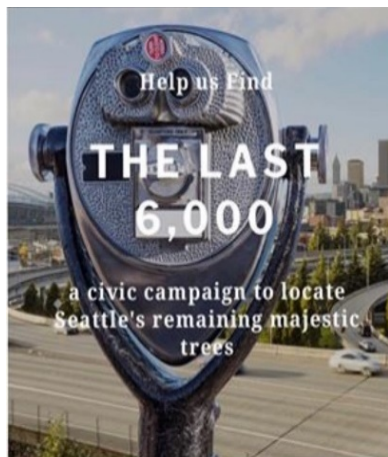
Giant Sequoia at Greenlake Boat Rental



*Last 6,000 Volunteers Found  
Giant Sequoias in Many Seattle  
Neighborhoods!*

**Sequoia Facts**

- This year a Giant Sequoia with a trunk diameter of 45" will reduce atmospheric carbon by 274 pounds
- That same tree will intercept 6,023 gallons of stormwater runoff



**The Last 6000 is Searching for Volunteers!**

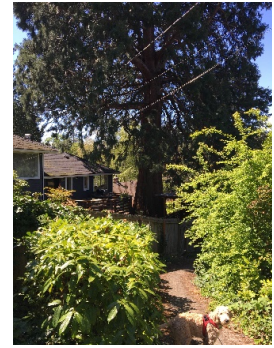
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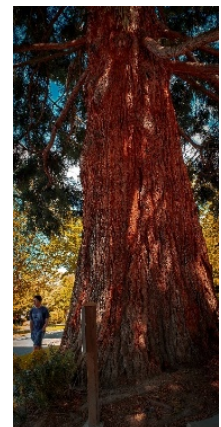
West Seattle



Beacon Hill



Maple Leaf



Central District



Ballard

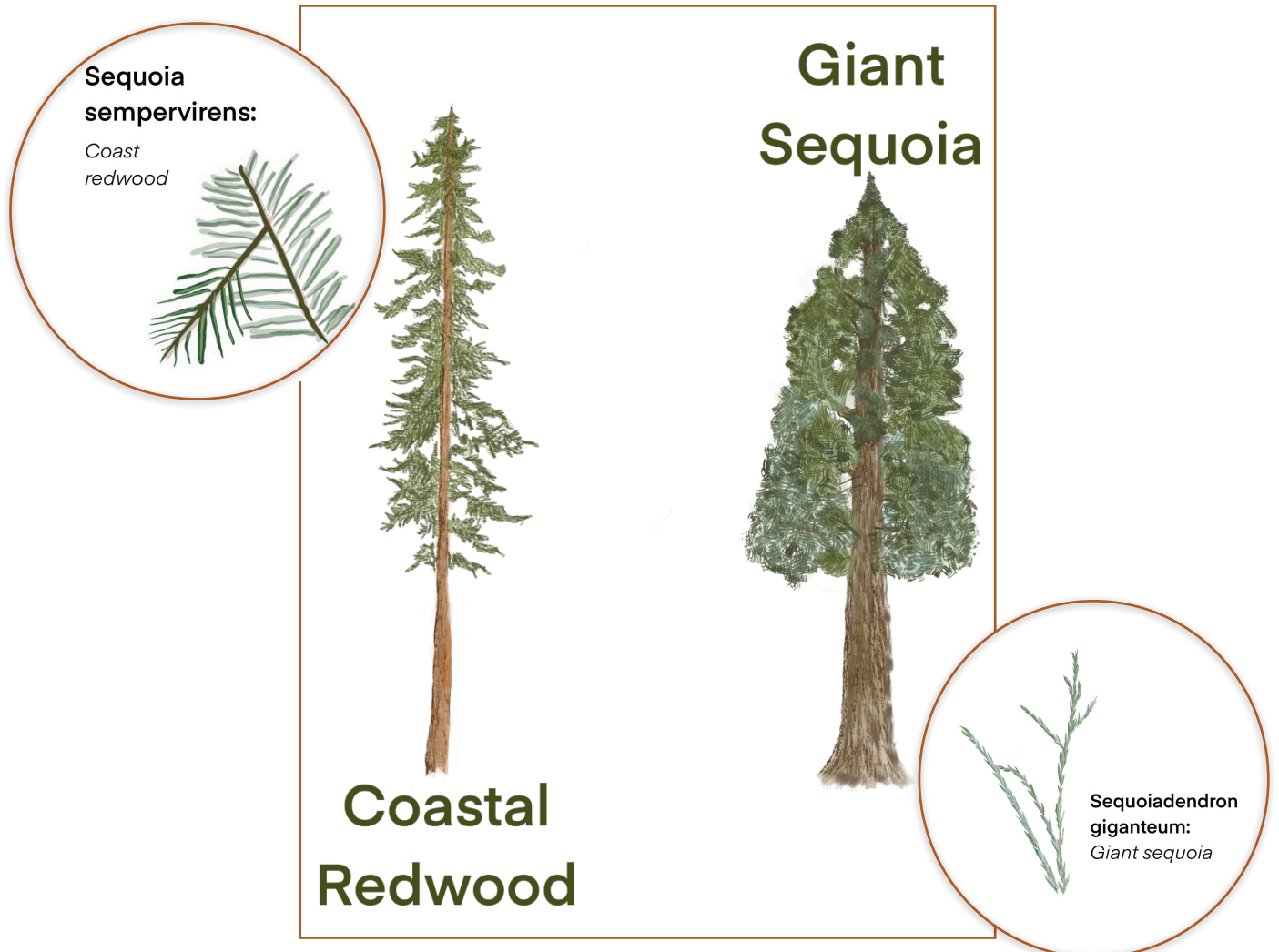


Arbor Heights



Greenwood

*Giant Sequoia vs. Coast Redwood*



Illustrations by Barbara Bernard

	<i>Coast Redwood</i>	<i>Giant Sequoia</i>
<b>Height</b>	Tallest tree, up to 325', slender trunk	Largest tree in volume, up to 250' tall
<b>Bark</b>	Dull chocolate brown bark	Bright reddish brown bark
<b>Cones</b>	Cones are less than 2"	Cones/seeds are three times the size of the Coast Redwood
<b>Needles</b>	Flat needles	Foliage is scale-like, close to junipers