

Trees of West Torrens

Maidenhair tree

Botanical name	Ginkgo biloba
Family	Ginkgoaceae
Mature size	10m -12m high 5m - 6m spread
Trunk girth	380mm - 450mm
Flowers	Insignificant
Fruit/Seeds	✓

Description

In Adelaide the maidenhair tree reaches an approximate a height of 10m to 12m and spread of up to 6m after 20 years.

It is a large, deciduous tree which has a narrow habit. Its leaves are characteristically bright green and fan shaped. They emerge in spring and later turn brilliant yellow giving a beautiful autumn show. As an ornamental tree it is valued for the beauty of its foliage and branches; it is also very strong tree and easy to grow.

The maidenhair tree has a resistance to pests, diseases, pollution and many soil conditions making it an excellent specimen for urban planting. It is an ideal street and avenue tree as its natural habit allows for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Interestingly, Ginkgo biloba is neither a broadleaf nor a conifer and has its own division, Ginkgophyta. It has no close living relatives as it is the only tree in this division. Often known as the 'living fossil tree', fossil records show that species closely related to today's Ginkgo have existed for over 200 million years across Europe, Greenland and the USA.



Examples of the maidenhair tree as a street tree in West Torrens can be found on Boston Street, Lockleys - planted in 2003.



Tree facts

A mature, healthy maidenhair tree at **12 metres** tall:



29 of these trees provide enough oxygen for one person for a year.



Provides **20m²** of canopy shade, equal to the shade of **6** beach umbrellas.



Removes **93 grams** of harmful air pollution every year.

Disclaimer: This information is specific to the climate and soil types of Adelaide. Tree facts from iTree.

