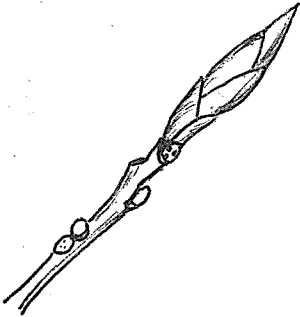


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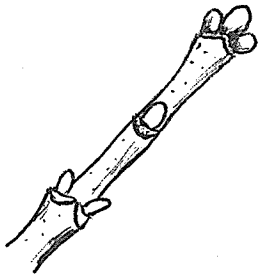
WHAT TO SEE

Have you tried walking on the Path in winter? Along the sides in all sections, trees are coming in; some just knee-high, some more than head-high; some planted, some self-seeded volunteers. It is not easy to learn to know trees in winter without their leaves but there is a real satisfaction in solving any mystery from fewer clues. Try these. They are found along the path in many places, urban and rural.



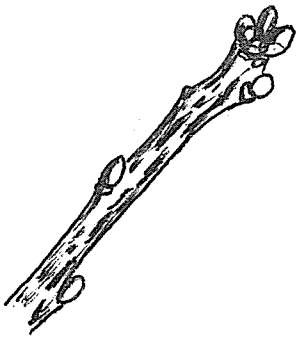
Cottonwood

The long end bud is sticky. The scar left when the leaf fell off has three little spots (bundle scars). The leaf scars are alternate on the twig. This is one of the hardy pioneer trees; it will grow in very poor soil.



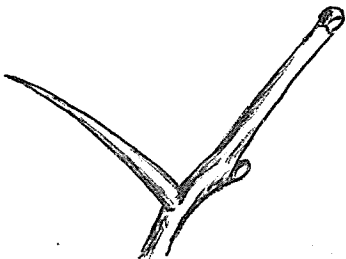
Boxelder

One of the commonest trees, found along all sections of the Path. The buds are opposite each other on the twig. The twigs are greenish or purple and have a bloom (like a plum). This is called a "weed tree."



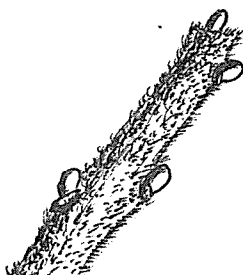
Burr Oak

There are several end or terminal buds in a cluster, not just one as on a cottonwood twig. The side buds alternate on the rough gray or yellowish twigs. This is a less common tree but can be found readily in places where the Path goes through wooded areas. Try Weisbrook Road or Oak Meadows, for example.



Hawthorn

Polished red buds alternate on gray, thorny twigs. This is a low shapely tree found more frequently in rural areas.

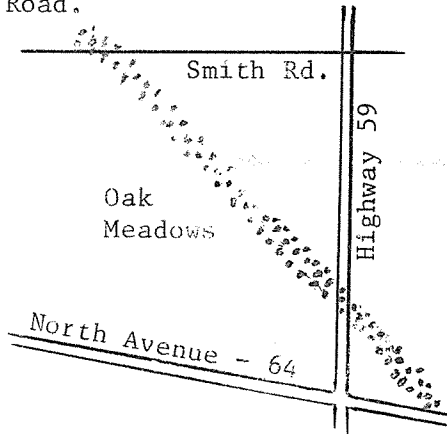


Staghorn Sumac

These low trees with thick, hairy, red twigs are very common. The small buds are almost encircled by the leaf scar. If you find the conelike clusters of furry red fruits, put one on your tongue for a taste of Indian "lemonade."

WORK BEING DONE BY OUR VOLUNTEERS

As you know, a large percentage of the Path has been assigned to many individuals, families, or organizations, who have offered to help us care for it. We would like to tell you *all* that is being done, but that would require a booklet. So -- in each News Letter you can read about one piece, this time from near Highway 59 to Smith Road.



This section is being developed by Mr. Franzen of The Oak Meadows Homeowners Association. He, personally, had 14 loads of mixed gravel and sand hauled in and spread to cover a width of 8 feet to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. (Unfortunately, the county grader scraped out about 1/5 of the sand and gravel.) He has put up 3 benches and planted some white pine seedlings. He hopes to set out a multiflora rose hedge as a tactful means of discouraging dumping. This section of the Path is a delightful place for a short walk.

ACTIVITIES

Members walks. On December 5 a group of more than 70 people walked through the east end of Glen Ellyn led by Mr. Richard Wason and Mr. Ron Coulter of The Morton Arboretum staff.

The other winter walks will be: (1) On January 25 Mr. and Mrs. Nemeč will lead a group from William Street in Warrenville to the Warrenville Forest Preserve, and (2) on February 22 Mr. Floyd Swink, of the Arboretum staff, will explore an area north of Wayne.

Area meetings. The first of a series of community meetings will be held at 8 p.m., February 10 at St. Irene's Parish Hall in Warrenville. The chairman is Mrs. George Kolze.

Illustrated talks. Mrs. August Sindt, our excellent speaker, has given several talks this winter. One was to the Aurora Woman's Club, and one, on January 15, to The Western Electric Co. Should you want to learn more about the Path and avail yourself on this illustrated lecture, phone Mrs. Sindt at 355-1988.

Mr. Eugene Pomerance, the newly elected vice-president of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, is a member of our board of Directors.

PUBLICATIONS OF 1968 -- Did you see them?

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W. H. Whyte, *The Last Landscape*, Doubleday, p.175.

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