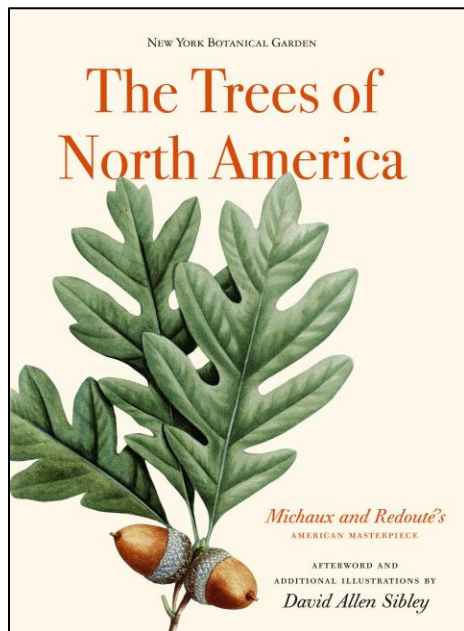


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The New York Botanical Garden Presents a Contemporary View Of a Classic and Foundational Work of American Forestry

The Trees of North America: Michaux and Redouté's American Masterpiece, Featuring
277 Color Plates and Species Descriptions, Available May 9 from Abbeville Press



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Bronx, NY—Among the early nineteenth century's bold expeditions into the American West, French botanist François-André Michaux's exploration unveiled and documented the arboreal bounty of the nation's wilderness. The result is a landmark of American botanical history, *The North American Sylva*. It is the first illustrated compendium of North American trees, featuring the original three volumes of Michaux's work and a three-volume supplement by English botanist Thomas Nuttall. Now for the first time, all 277 magnificent color plates are compiled in a single volume in ***The Trees of North America: Michaux and Redouté's American Masterpiece*** (Abbeville Press, \$49.95, Hardcover). The exquisitely rendered images by renowned botanical artists Pierre-Joseph Redouté, Pancrace Bessa, and others reveal the continent's sylvan diversity, ranging from Atlantic to Pacific and from Canada to Mexico.

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Elucidating the significance of Redouté's work, best-selling ornithologist and natural history artist David Allen Sibley examines the golden age of botanical illustration and the artistic processes of his predecessors. Notably, this book's fascinating descriptions of every tree species featured in *The North American Sylva*, written by New York Botanical Garden staff and many accompanied by Sibley's illustrations, bring contemporary context to the nineteenth-century survey. Likewise, the institution's Susan M. Fraser explores the publication history of this groundbreaking work held in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library. Finally, award-winning garden writer Marta McDowell recounts the story of the two botanist-explorers uncovering the continent's arboreal riches.

The Trees of North America is a journey into the old-growth forests of the New World as well as an appreciation of trees for the expert and the novice. Beautifully designed and extensively researched, this remarkable volume will entice and delight gardeners, art connoisseurs, and nature lovers alike.

The Trees of North America: Michaux and Redouté's American Masterpiece

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The New York Botanical Garden hosts more than one million annual visitors to its 250-acre National Historic Landmark site, which features over one million living specimens, as well as one of the world's preeminent plant research and conservation programs. Founded in 1899, the Garden's Mertz Library is one of the largest, most comprehensive botanical libraries in the world.

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