

*“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir*

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in an area along the Willamette River Valley in Oregon.

Deforestation isn't just happening in well-known global hotspots like Indonesia and Brazil's rainforest. A new analysis says forests are also shrinking on land in Oregon, where an estimated 522,000 acres of forest cover have disappeared since 2000. That's an area six times larger than the city of Portland, equal to more than half of Oregon's designated state forests.

In addition to reforesting lands in Oregon, the planting of your gift tree helps protect endangered wildlife as well as help keep watersheds clean. Oregon's old growth forests provide habitat for hundreds of species of fish and wildlife, including threatened species like the Northern Spotted Owl and the Oregon Spotted Frog. Additionally, trees filter excess sediment, nutrients and toxins before they enter waterways. They also provide shade for streams, making them healthy environments for fish, such as Oregon's rainbow trout, steelhead and Chinook salmon.

Your gift tree will be of a tree indigenous to the area of the planting project including Oregon's iconic trees like Douglas fir, Oregon white oak, Ponderosa pine, Western red cedar, Pacific willow, Oregon ash, Western hemlock, black cottonwood, and big leaf maple. Our projects plant over 35 native species so that the full ecosystem is supported, and degraded forests can be restored.

Below, the shaded areas on the map of the Willamette River Valley are basically where our planting projects take place. To get an “earth view” of the planting area, click on the following Bing maps link, <https://binged.it/2SRtKCu>. Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in the United States and the world.



Please understand that reforestation projects conducted by The Gifted Tree take place in several regions of Oregon and your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees with no designating plaque. Our planting partners select and plant trees native to the specific area and the species type will vary depending on what is best for that location as described above and the time of year of planting.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

