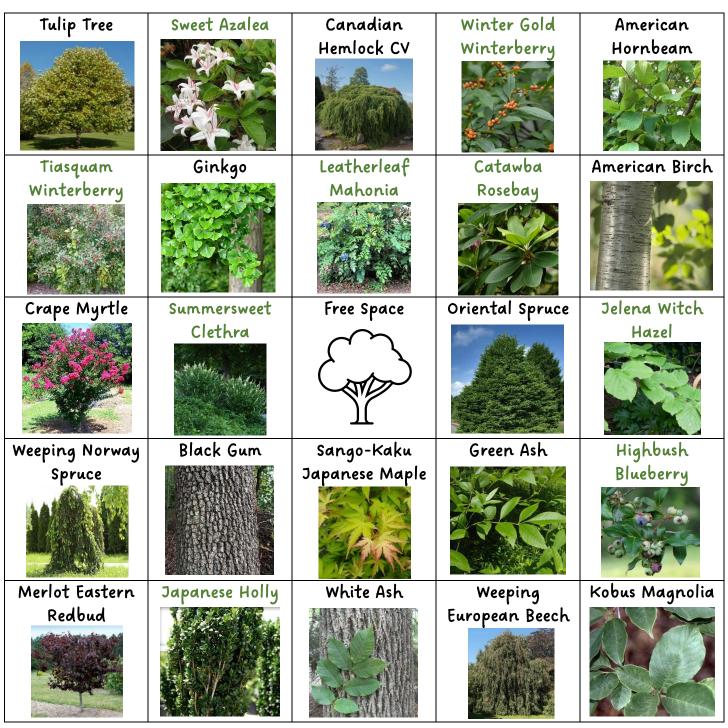
## **Tree Species Meet & Greet**

Interested in arboriculture and environmental science? If you haven't already read *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson, *Life in the Treetops* by Margaret Lowman, or *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, we highly recommend you do so! We also recommend you visit the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University to learn more. This activity is a great way to engage in both tree identification and research on a species of interest.

**Directions:** Grab a bingo board and writing utensil and head to the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University! In this version of bingo, your goal is to identify 4-5 tree or shrub species in a row—whether horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. For a more difficult challenge, try to identify all 24 tree and shrub species listed on the bingo board!

**HINT:** Not quite a tree ID expert yet? Bring a field guide to help you or use the metal hang tags provided on the trees and shrubs to help you figure out their identities. Plants listed in **green** are considered shrubs, the rest are trees.



Now that you have played Tree & Shrub ID Bingo, select a tree or shrub that interests you and do some additional research on it using the workspace below.

Common Name(s)
Scientific Name
Origin
Is this tree considered native, non-native, or invasive in Pennsylvania? Explain.
USDA Hardiness Zones
(explain what information hardiness zones tell us about a plant and provide the hardiness zones for your plant)
Physical Description
(provide five (5) physical descriptors of the plant)
Overview of Growing Requirements
Would you grow this plant in your backyard/garden? Why or why not?
Pest and Disease Impacts
Uses
Fun Fact(s)