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"Thanks so much for the excellent job on the trees! My property looks clean and inviting to relax in the yard for the summer season."

— Louise N. (Carol Stream)

"...wanted to let you know your crew did a fantastic job as always it is a pleasure to do business with you especially being that I have such limited vision I know I can trust you...again I am very grateful for the work that you guys do for me"

— Jay W. (Park Ridge)

"Your crew did an outstanding job grooming my tall locusts and also the removal of the dead cherry. My trees look phenomenal. You are the best arborists."

Again, A thousand thanks..."

—Barbara P. (Batavia)

Growing the Tree Care Work Force

Those that have been involved in the tree care industry for several years may have asked themselves at one point or another, "What will the tree care industry look like in 10 or 20 years?" and "Who will take my place when I retire?"

KTS Director of Operations, Paul Filary, along with other members of the Illinois Arborist Association (IAA), created a task force focusing on building the industry's work force. The goal for 2020 was to increase awareness of our industry by representing careers in arboriculture through IAA at several career exploration events for high school and college age students.

Events in which IAA and professional tree care were represented was at the D211 Career Expo in Palatine, as well as in Fox Lake at Grant Community High School "Spring Into Careers" Career Fair. Over 100 professions were represented at each event. This gave students the opportunity to see the diversity of career paths, find a part-time or full-time job, sign-up for an internship or simply ask questions to learn more about careers in relation to their personal interests.

KTS staff attended these expos in support of IAA and our industry. Other events and programs that KTS is proud to participate in is the Job Shadow Day for students at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences as well as their career fair.

In addition to high school career exploration events, KTS annually attends multiple college career fairs. These include College of DuPage, Michigan State University, Purdue University, Southern Illinois University, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Brookfield Zoo and Open Lands.

Careers in the tree care industry span more than climbing/production arborists or sales arborists at a private tree care company such as Kramer Tree. Opportunities lie within municipal organizations such as a city forester, research at institutional groups like the Morton Arboretum or specialized positions such as GIS mapping or development of safer work practices.

Do you know someone that may be interested in a career in the tree care industry? Are you? Let us know!

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APPLYING KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE PRODUCES RESULTS

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: *♪ Singin' sweet song, of melodies pure and true ♪*

— Bob Marley

The warming temperatures mean a whole host of growth and movement from Mother Nature. One of the earliest signs of spring approaching is the sights and sounds of migrating birds. Often the Yellow-bellied sapsucker grabs the attention of homeowners, not the bird itself, but the distinctive damage they leave behind on tree trunks.

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are members of the woodpecker family, but unlike other woodpeckers, this bird's diet primarily

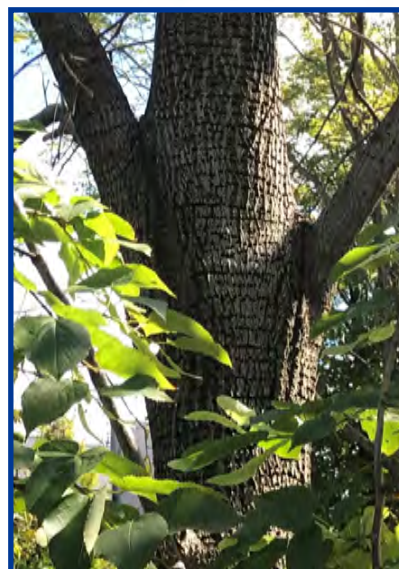


consists of tree sap. To obtain this sap, they peck holes measuring about ¼" diameter. The holes left behind are nearly always in an orderly fashion creating vertical or horizontal lines.

Damage from these woodpeckers does not seriously harm trees. The birds are only in the state for a short time, the holes are shallow, and wounds not

substantial enough to cause permanent damage. Scotch and Austrian pine, spruce, linden, white-barked birch and fruit trees are most attacked in Illinois; although, many other tree species may be vulnerable.

If you wanted to reduce damage of this sapsucker, you can wrap burlap around susceptible tree trunks during the migration periods. Another option would be to scare them away using artificial owls or snakes or hang anything "flashy" like foil strips.



Take a walk around your property and see if there are any signs of past yellow-bellied sapsuckers migrating through your area. Often, migrating birds travel the same path, to feed and perch on the same trees. Despite the unattractive damage they leave behind, sapsuckers are quite nice to look at.

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Spray Application Programs

During these uncertain times, the one thing that isn't affected by this virus is nature. You can count on spring being cool and wet as usual. With this combination, crabapple trees will be affected by the Apple Scab fungus, pines by *Diplodia* and *Dothistroma* and spruce trees by *Rhizosphaera*. The spring season is typically very busy for us because we have spray application programs to complete on your trees in order to combat fungal diseases.

We find that our spray programs are highly effective but do require certain timing to increase its success. It is unfortunate that we find symptoms for some of these diseases appearing later in the season and outside of the application time frame. A prime example of this is Apple Scab on crabapple trees. Symptoms of this fungal disease typically appear in the summer, where the leaves yellow and drop from the tree.

We are getting ready to start these applications, so if you think your trees may have experienced fungal issues in the past or if you haven't responded to the Plant Health Care Renewal yet, there is still time. Please give us a call or send an email if you want to sign up for one of these programs or if you would like an ISA Certified Arborist

to come out and evaluate your trees. We can be reached directly at 630-562-0160 or by email at phc@kramertree.com. We'd love to hear from you!



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INSIDE LOOK



Help Kramer Tree Specialists Go Paperless

In efforts to reduce costs and waste, our goal is to go paperless by end of 2020!

We plan on sending all communications such as invoices, proposals and the newsletter to your email address on file starting in the new year.

How you can help:

If we don't already have your email on file, if you'd like to update your email address or if you'd like to change your preference, please contact us online at kramertree.com using the "Let us help you" button.

Thanks in advance for helping us become a more sustainable **and efficient service** provider.



Follow us on social media to learn how you can help enhance the urban forest.

FEATURED TREE OF THE SEASON

Ficus Benghalensis

INDIAN BANYAN TREE



As springtime approaches and kids begin to go outside and play, the nostalgia rushes back bringing memories of playing tag and attempting to climb the biggest tree in the park.

The Chicago suburbs might not have the easiest trees to climb, but down in Florida... they have trees that look like jungle gyms! These trees look like something only seen in TV shows like *Stranger Things* or the *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*. This mysterious tree is none other than *Ficus Benghalensis* or also known as the Indian Banyan tree.

Banyan trees are the largest ficus trees growing in Miami and in other parts of Dade and Broward County Florida. They are native to India and are easily distinguished by their deep and draping roots. Many of its roots are aerial which hang down from its limbs. They tend to grow along roadsides creating the feel of a rainforest

with its twists and turns and waterfall like roots. They are wonderful for large parks because of the cooling shade they cast with their large canopies, ideal in the hot, sunny climates of Miami and India.

The largest Banyan tree is in the US growing on the grounds of Edison and Ford Winter Estate in Fort Myers, Florida. This record holding Banyan is 95 years old, 84' tall and 276 inches in circumference and lives right on top of what used to be Thomas Edison's winter home. Banyan trees produce white sap and back in the day, Thomas Edison and his friends, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, hoped to use in making natural rubber.

Even though we can't enjoy the cooling shade of a Banyan tree in our backyard, it is a tree to admire.

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During the current situation with COVID-19,

KTS prioritizes the health and safety of our staff, clients and the local communities we work within. We understand the uncertainty of this situation and would like to inform our clients of the steps and guidelines that we are following to help mitigate the spread of this virus in our local community.

All Kramer Tree Specialists operations remain in service until further notice. Our service work is conducted outside and capable of ensuring proper social distancing guidelines for our staff, clients and communities. All our crews are equipped with sanitation supplies to properly clean their hands, trucks and equipment throughout the day. We have adjusted our operations to have all staff drive separately to the job site, in some cases this may involve staff driving their own vehicle. Our crew will notify you upon arrival on site, but they will maintain social distancing and our clients are not required to be present while we conduct our work.

Our office operations are open as well and we are making every effort possible to have staff work from home where capable to reduce volume of staff in our office setting. Those in the office are provided disinfectants and hand sanitizer and we've focused our daily cleaning on high touch areas. All service requests or work order questions can be called into our office or through our "Let Us Help You" link on our website. Payments can also be done via phone or with credit card on our website.

We appreciate everyone's understanding as we accommodate our operations to ensure the safety of our staff, clients and local communities. If you have any questions or specifics regarding your work, please contact our office or your ISA Certified Arborist via phone or email. They will be able to assist and ensure your concerns are addressed.

Thank you for your understanding and for taking your own proper precautions during this time. We will continue to adjust our operations as this situation evolves and dictates necessary adjustments.



Please stay safe and help others as you can. Together we can get through this.

Paul Filary
Director of Operations



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