Mountain-ash (Sorbus americana)

Mountain-ash are popular as city street trees due to the vibrant colors of the fruits in the fall, but are also a nice compliment in a yard or garden setting. A deciduous tree found in North America and Eastern Canada, they grow in many locations ranging from dry rocky areas to moist woods. Known for their orange-red berries, the leaves are pinnately compound and alternate with sharp-toothed edges. The bark is smooth and grayish-brown in color.

These trees prefer full sun, growing to approximately 30 feet in height at maturity. The fruits are a favorite for a variety of birds that include bluebird, ruffed and blue grouse, waxwings, oriole, robins and thrushes.

Mountain-ash provides diversity in the landscape; however, it is often susceptible to fire blight, borers and a variety of other pests — particularly when stressed. Provide ample rooting space and regularly deep-water during the summer, because they do not do well with prolonged heat. As with all newly-acquired trees, remember that correct planting and long-term care is your best bet for protecting a tree from insects and disease.

For more tree care info: treesaregood.org/treecare/tree_planting.aspx

Family, friends and employees gather to honor the life of talented forestry draftsman

Hayes, a draftsman for the Department from 1946 through 1977, had a cartoonist’s wit and a master illustrator’s talent. His design style is well-known throughout the forestry community and throughout Oregon, and his cartoon state map pictorial was reproduced on restaurant placemats during the 1960s. His meticulous drawings of the identifying features of Oregon’s trees were used in the very first Trees to Know in Oregon field guides, and are still included in today’s full-color editions of the publication.

Hayes is greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in peace, Hugh.

Written plan requirements may now be waived under certain conditions

Beginning September 1st this year, a rule change under Oregon Administrative Rule 629-605-0170 allows stewardship foresters to waive requirements for written plans for harvest and road construction operations, as long as no physical components of a riparian (streamside) management area are directly affected.

To find out more about this rule change, contact your local ODF stewardship forester, or visit: tinyurl.com/mamegnd

Right: An ODF Stewardship Forester evaluates a riparian (streamside) management area.