

Board of Park Commissioners and Supt. of Parks, Seattle, Washington.
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No one knew anything about the 3 C. mollissima shipped them in 1907. Of the 300 seedlings shipped them in 1915, Mr. J. Umlauf, head gardener for the past 21 years, was able to locate 42 in the city. He said practically all survived the original planting in their old nursery, but when they were transplanted the majority of them died. Besides those in the city, Mr. Umlauf planted about 12 on the Skagit River on the City Electric Plant property at an elevation of about 250 feet. These have grown best of all, according to Mr. Umlauf, and average about 15 to 17 feet in height and 5 to 7 inches in diameter. They have also borne some good nuts. The plantings within the city are located as follows:

Jefferson Golf Links - Beacon Hill - 32 C. mollissima, ranging from 10 to 30 feet in height. The site is not particularly good but the trees seem to be doing quite well. All are heavily laden with flowers. On some, the flowers are not yet mature, while on others numerous young burs were noted. These trees have already borne nuts, and Mr. Umlauf said he sent some to Washington a few years ago. He has promised to collect nuts for us this fall if he can beat the boys to them. All the trees were sprouting at and just above the root collar.

Lincoln Park - 10 C. mollissima in 2 groups of 5 each. Height ranges from about 10 to 16 feet; flowers abundant. It is believed these trees have borne nuts in the past but Mr. Umlauf has not been present to gather them.

Washington Park Nursery - 45 C. mollissima - 1 to 2½ feet in height; 48 C. mollissima 6 to 9 feet in height. The latter are 5 years old and grown from seed borne on the F.P.I. trees growing on the Jefferson Golf Links. They are beautiful looking young trees and many of them will grow at least 4 feet in height this year. They are planted on forest soil of a sandy loam character. The land was cleared about 6 or 7 years ago. None of the trees have blossoms. This is an interesting group of trees which look very encouraging to me. In this same nursery were 6 small seedlings labeled C. tomba. Mr. Umlauf thought this might possibly be a mistake and that the name probably should be C. numbo, which is a horticultural variety from Europe.