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Life Progression of a Japanese Maple on Salve Regina University's Campus

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Japanese Maple *Acer palatum*

Tree Number: #52

Location: Miley Residence Hall

Height: 9.01600m

Diameter at Breast Height: 135.7cm

Condition: Good Age Class: Mature

Dates of Observation: 21st of September 2017 – 4th of

December 2017 B Curtis Sheppard, Jr

Observation 1

Date: 21st of September 2017

20°C, Selected a tree with a tag: Japanese Maple. Relatively

short trunk, with a great number of branches.



Observation 2

Date: 2nd of October 2017

19°C, Yellowing of foliage today towards top of the tree. No loss of foliage. Learned that it is native to Japan. Must

measure the trunk's diameter.



Observation 3

Date: 12th of October 2017

12°C, Yellowing of foliage has progressed towards the

lower levels of the tree. No loss of foliage.

Observation 4

Date: 19th of October 2017

14.4°C, No change in colour of the tree. Small loss of

foliage.

Observation 5

Date: 26th of October 2017

18.8°C, All leaves are now all yellow. More leaves have	
fallen.	
Observation 6	
Date: 1st of November 2017	
8.333333°C, Leaves seem to have been cleaned up by the	
school for there is now very little leaves on the ground.	
Observation 7	
Date: 9 th of November 2017	
6.111111°C, More leaves on the ground today; school	
hasn't been here yet to clean them up, I suppose.	
Observation 8	
Date: 16 th of November 2017	2.0
7.777778°C, Leaves falling strong, though have stopped.	
Tree holding strong. Leaves turning red.	
Observation 9	
Date: 4 th of December 2017	
Very red leaves throughout the entire tree. Very few on the	
ground. Many leaves are still on the branches.	

Summary: Over the course of the Fall, the leaves of the tree changed gradually from green to yellow and then to a red, falling more heavily during the month of November than any of the other months, though retained some of its leaves even up to the month of December.

References: Salve Regina University Arboretum