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#6418
Katsura
Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'Red Fox'
Near west entrance
49 16′ 17″ N, - 123 12′ 11″ W

BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

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EMAIL TO TREE #6418

Dear tree,

Thank you for your subtle glow

Your small delicate leaves left me wondering;

You show everything.

All your imperfections

All your wounds

Thank you for your natural beauty.

— ANONYMOUS

RESPONSE FROM TREE #6418

Thank you for message. This is the first one that I have received.

Katsura trees are native to China and Japan. We have been planted all over the world for our ornamental heart-shaped leaves.

I appreciate that you see me for more than my beauty. I have a history and with history comes scars.

I have a story for every broken limb or cut in my bark. These stories make me who I am today.

They are part of my character. What is perfection without imperfection?

Holly Schmidt on behalf of Katsura

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