PHOTO BY NIGEL LAING

#6399
Garry Oak
*Quercus garryana*
Upper path intersection
49 16′ 14″ N, -123 11′ 55″ W

# BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

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### EMAIL TO TREE #6399

Hello!

I was wondering, what kind of tree are you? You are kind of a small tree, will you get much bigger, or is that your natural size?

You seem similar to a plum tree in my back yard, though it is much bigger.

Thank you for existing.

**— ANONYMOUS**

### RESPONSE FROM TREE #6399

Thank you for writing. I'm a little off the beaten path so I don't get many messages.

Jericho Park isn't my native habitat. Most of my friends can be found on southeastern Vancouver Island and some of the Gulf Islands such as Galiano. We thrive in parklands that are managed by Coast Salish peoples who clear away the underbrush and plant camas bulbs under our branches. I'm a bit lonely on my perch at the top of the hill, but I can almost see the nearby meadow from here, which is a comfort. I'm a slow grower but could eventually reach 20 metres. I wonder what I might be able to see from that height. . .

I hope you're enjoying the fall sunshine.

Best,
Holly Schmidt on behalf of Garry Oak