FALL FOLIAGE MAP

BOSTON COMMON

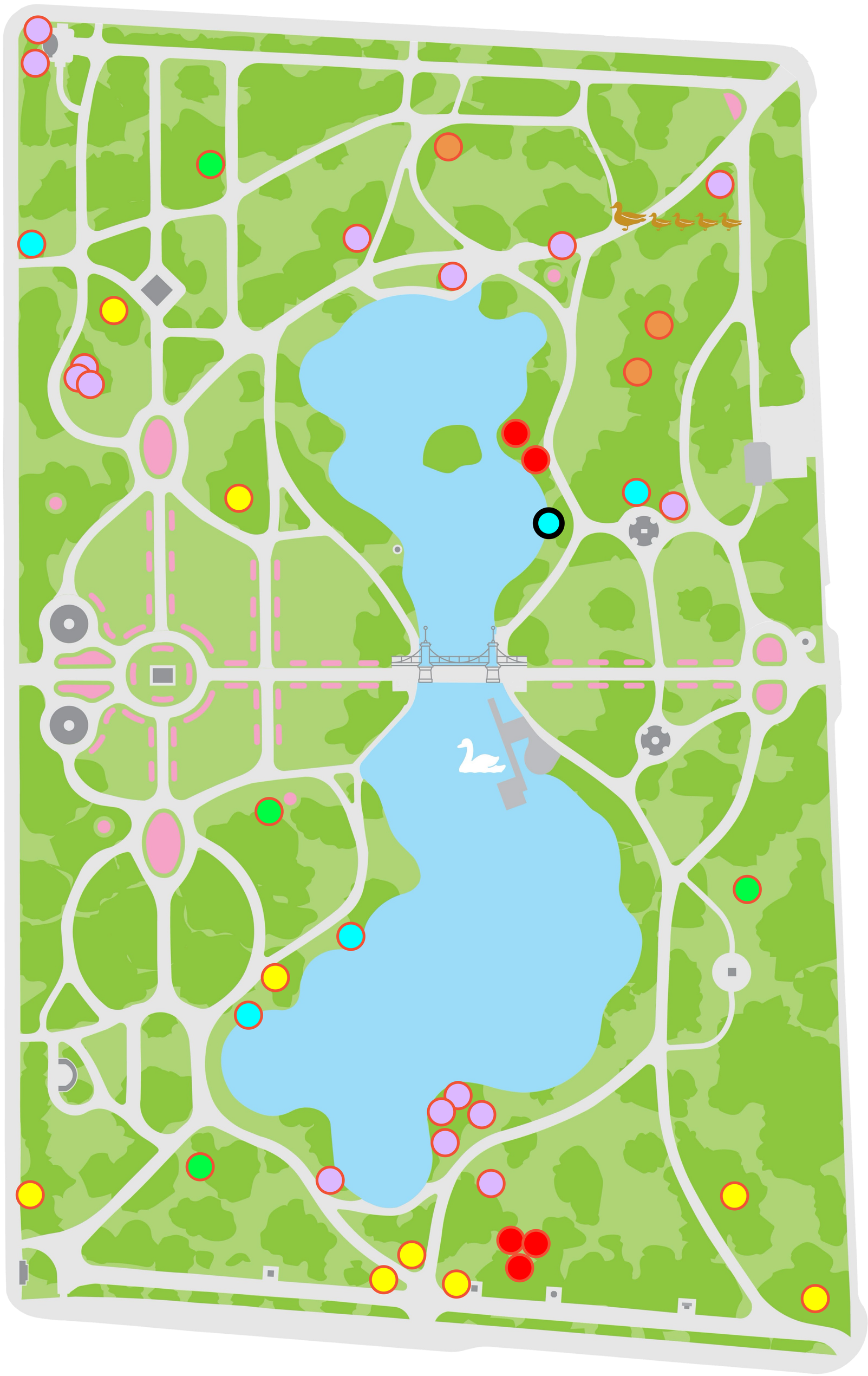


FALL COLOR
SELECTED SPECIES

- Ginkgo
- Sugar Maple
- Sweetgum

FEATURED TREE: GINKGO
(Ginkgo biloba)
The Common is home to 13 Ginkgo trees, a historic and significant species, with three located at the corner of Beacon St. and Charles St. This species is known as a botanical "living fossil" and is easily identifiable by its fan-shaped leaves. Long valued for aesthetic, religious, and medicinal reasons, it is said that Confucius studied under a ginkgo tree, giving it special meaning to Buddhists. In the fall, you can expect a bright yellow display until the first hard frost, when Ginkgos have been known to drop all of their leaves in a single day!

FALL FOLIAGE MAP
PUBLIC GARDEN





FEATURED TREE: KATSURA
(Cercidiphyllum japonicum)

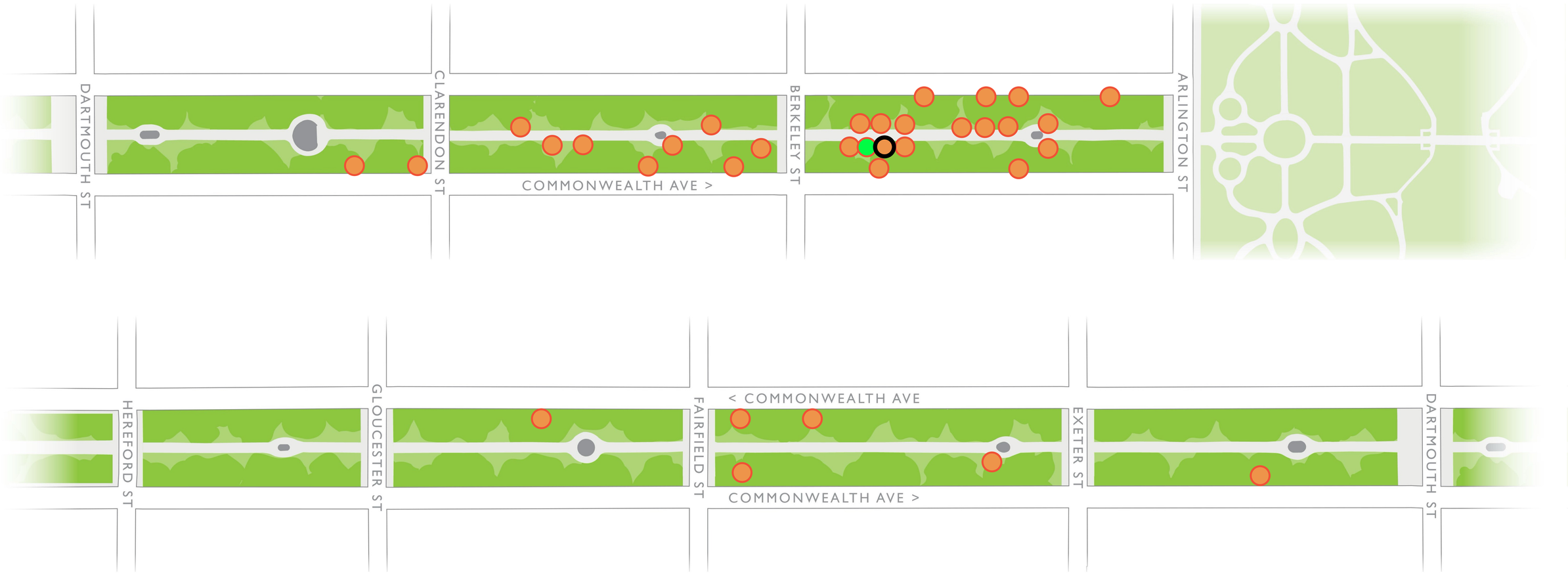
While the Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*) is the most iconic of the trees surrounding the Public Garden lagoon, the Japanese Katsura provides an interesting fall experience. The tree features heart-shaped leaves that turn bright yellow and peach colored in the fall, releasing a sweet fragrance as they begin to turn. Some say it smells of cotton-candy, some say caramel, but we'll let you be the judge!

FALL COLOR
SELECTED SPECIES

- Ginkgo
- Sugar Maple
- Sweetgum
- Katsura
- Black Tupelo
- Deciduous Conifers
  (Larch, Bald Cypress, Dawn Redwood)

FALL FOLIAGE MAP

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL



FALL COLOR

SELECTED SPECIES

- Sugar Maple
- Sweetgum



FEATURED TREE: AMERICAN SWEETGUM

(Liquidambar styraciflua)

The American Sweetgum is scattered along the first three blocks of the Mall and is a particular favorite of our Parks Care team. Known for its distinctive multi-colored fall foliage ranging from purple to yellow, the Sweetgum can reach heights of up to 75 feet at maturity. This tree is native to the Southeastern United States, and features star-shaped leaves. Be sure to look out for their fun spikey seed pods, which add even more character to this remarkable species.