Ginkgo biloba

Gingko is a unique tree. Although it drops its’ leaves, usually all within a few days, ginkgo is more related to a pine tree than a sugar maple. This ancient specie, not changing for at least 150 million years, is a great choice for various landscape sites. Ginkgo is a large, tree with a mature height of 50 to 80 feet with a spread of 30 to 60 feet. Dwarf cultivars exist. This tree is appropriate for medium to large yards, parks, and boulevards with wider planting strips. The specie does best on sandy, deep, moderately-moist soils. There are no serious pests of this tree. The tree itself can become a pest if a female plant is chosen. The fruit is quite pungent and messy. Unfortunately, the specie does not produce fruit until at least 20 years of age. For this reason, only documented, male cultivars are recommended. Several to consider are ‘Autumn Gold’, ‘Chase Manhattan’, ‘Princeton Sentry’, ‘Saratoga’, and ‘Windover Gold.’ Native to eastern China, no one knows how long the tree may live.
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~John Muir

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