

# Going Out On A Limb: Thoughts on Trees

*A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as helpless.*  
Theodore Roosevelt

*When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope.*  
Professor Wangari Maathai

*Solitary trees, if they grow at all, grow strong.*  
Winston Churchill

*One generation plants the trees, and another gets the shade.*  
Chinese Proverb

*A grove of giant redwoods or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great or beautiful cathedral.*  
Theodore Roosevelt

*I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do.*  
Willa Cather

*I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree,  
or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines.*  
Henry David Thoreau

*The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

*A tree does not move unless there is wind.*  
Afghan Proverb

*This solitary Tree! a living thing  
Produced too slowly ever to decay;  
Of form and aspect too magnificent  
To be destroyed.*  
William Wordsworth, Yardley Oak

*I am the Lorax, I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.*  
Dr. Seuss

*A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.*  
Greek Proverb

*It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something,  
that quality of air that emanates from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.*  
Robert Louis Stevenson

*The evergreen! How beautiful, how welcome, how wonderful the evergreen! When one thinks of it, how  
astonishing a variety of nature! In some countries we know that the tree that sheds its leaf is the variety, but  
that does not make it less amazing, that the same soil and the same sun should nurture plants differing in the  
first rule and law of their existence.*  
Jane Austen (Mansfield Park, 1814)