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Falling Fruit

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Description
The Falling Fruit project was born from a passion for food and the environment. It is organised in an open-source database that brings together the entirety of maps made by foragers from the Internet. The database also includes edible species found in municipal tree inventories: databases of street (and sometimes private) trees used by many cities, universities, and other institutions to manage the urban forest. Through the quantification of these resources on a map, Falling Fruit hopes to facilitate intimate connections between people, food, and the natural organisms growing in their own neighborhoods.

Goals
Foraging in the 21st century is an opportunity for urban exploration, fighting the scourge of stained sidewalks, and reconnecting with the botanical origins of food. Foragers and private tree owners are encouraged to donate their surplus to charity and to the organisations specialized in rescuing and distributing fresh produce.

Beneficial outcomes
The map is open for anyone to edit. The entire database can be downloaded with just one click, and our code is open-source.

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