In autumn, trees around Red Square start to change colors and shadows lengthen. Many students see the space for the first time. Winds blow primarily from the south-west and are deflected away from plaza areas by buildings in the area. Rain begins to fall in earnest and soon the plaza becomes a space for passing through, not lingering.

Rain and shadows dominate the Red Square area in the winter time. Puddles form in the north-west corner of the main plaza as well as between Meany Hall and the lower entrance to Odegaard Library. Winds from the west are especially felt in the deep shadows between Meany and Odegaard.

A U T U M N

W I N T E R

RAIN AND SHADOWS

CAMPUS PLANT ZONES

The University of Washington has defined plant zones that determine the plant pallettes used in different parts of campus. Red Square and its surrounding area are part of the Mixed Pacific Rim (Northern Hemisphere) plant zone, which means that plants native to the Pacific Northwest or the Pacific Rim are preferred.

DRAINAGE OVER THE PARKING GARAGE

- The roof over the parking garage is cast-in-place concrete and has already been sloped toward the center of the plaza. The very center is slightly mounded so that water moves toward drains near each of the four benches. Other drains are located in the cement lines radiating out from the center. These drains would be difficult to site elsewhere.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

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**S P R I N G**

In spring, winds are variable, more sunlight enters the plaza, and rain decreases significantly. Winds from the west, south-east, and north-east are strengthened due to the funneling effect of the buildings surrounding the Red Square plaza. In the quad nearby, the cherry trees bloom.

Vegetation scaled as barrier between people and building

Vegetation scaled as buffer between people and building

Vegetation scaled as bridge between people and building

**S U M M E R**

In summer, sunlight pervades the main plaza and students congregate on the steps outside Kane Hall. Green vegetation surrounding the Red Square area contrasts with the redness of the tiles themselves. This is by far the most enjoyable season to be in Red Square. As school begins, the university pitches temporary tents to welcome students back to another school year.

**W I L D L I F E I N R E D S Q U A R E**

Animals in the Red Square area include seagulls, crows, sparrows, pigeons, squirrels and rats. Birds tend to congregate on the rooftop of Odegaard Library, where they can perch in the sunlight throughout the year. Sparrows nest in shrubs and have been seen flitting from tree to tree near Meany Hall.

Rats, of course, come out during the night and are attracted to the trash cans in the area. Squirrels and crows are also drawn to trash cans and appear during the day.