



City of Santa Cruz - Parks Division

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SPECIAL INFORMATION

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	TREE WIDTH	TREE HEIGHT	DECIDUOUS	EVERGREEN	FLOWERING	CA NATIVE	FALL COLOR	SPECIAL INFORMATION
Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple	20	20	Y	N	N		Y	Excellent fall color
Acer palmatum	Japanese maple	15	20	Y	N	N		Y	Excellent color - 'Sangu Kaku' has coral bark
Aesculus californica	California Buckeye	40	40	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	White fragrant blooms
Aesculus x carnea 'Briotii'	Red Horsechestnut	40	35	Y	N	Y		Y	Beautiful blooms
Agonis fluxuoso	Peppermint Tree	30	40	N	Y	N		N	'After Dark' is Purple
Albizia julibrissin	Silk tree	40	40	Y	N	Y		N	Very attractive flowers
Arbutus 'Marina'	Marina Madrone	20	30	N	Y	Y		N	Fruit may drop
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry tree	20	30	N	Y	Y		N	Fruit may drop
Betula jacquemontii	White Birch	15	25	Y	N	N		Y	Requires water & care
Butia Capitata	Jelly Palm	15	15	N	Y	Y		N	Nice Feather palm
Brahea edulis	Guadalupe Palm	15	15	N	Y	Y		N	Nice Fan Palm
Callistemon citrius	Lemon Bottlebrush	15	20	N	Y	Y		N	Upright rigid form
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush	35	15	N	Y	Y		N	Weeping form
Cassia leptophylla	Gold Medalian tree	20	30	Y	N	Y		N	Semi deciduous
Ceanothus Ray Heartman	Ray Heartman Ceanothus	15	15	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Great habitat
Celtis australis	Australian Hackberry	25	45	Y	N	N		N	Related to Elms
Celtis sinensis	European Hackberry	25	45	Y	N	N		N	Related to Elms
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	20	25	Y	N	Y		Y	'Forest Pansy' is purple
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud	15	15	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Likes hot dry areas
Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow	15	20	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Attractive flowers very drought tolerant
Chitalpa tashkentensis	Chitalpa Tree	20	25	Y	N	Y		N	Attractive flowers
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor	50	50	N	Y	N		N	Wide park strips only
Crataegus crus-galli	Thornless Hawthorn	15	15	Y	N	Y		Y	Thornless species
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington hawthorn	15	15	Y	N	Y		Y	Decorative berries
Eriobotrya deflexa	Bronze Loquat	25	25	N	Y	Y		N	Attractive white flowers & bronze leaves
Ficus nitida	Indian Laurel	20	20	N	Y	N		N	Easily shaped into globe shaped canopy
Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple'	Autumn Purple Ash	45	50	Y	N	N		Y	Attractive leaf color needs wide grow space
Geijera parviflora	Australian Willow	20	35	N	Y	N		N	Looks like a willow but not thirsty
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo Tree	40	45	Y	N	N		Y	Attractive Yellow foliage
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Hollywood Cherry	20	20	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Needs training to a single trunk
Hoheria populnea	New Zealand Lacebark	20	30	N	Y	Y		N	White flowers takes moist soil
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda	35	30	Y	N	Y		Y	Late to leaf out in spring
Koelreuteria bipinnata	Chinese Flame Tree	45	45	Y	N	Y		Y	More upright than paniculata Yellow flower lantern seed capsules
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden Rain Tree	45	45	Y	N	Y		Y	Yellow flower lantern seed capsules
Lagerstroemia indica 'Natchez' 'Tuscarora' 'Muskogee'	Crepe Myrtle	20	30	Y	N	Y		Y	Available in Light pink, dark pink and white
Laurus 'Saratoga'	Saratoga Grecian Bay	20	30	N	Y	N		N	Medium to slow growth rate, good cooking herb
Lyonothamnus floribundus aspleniifolius	Catalina Ironwood	25	40	N	Y	N	Y	N	Native to Catalina Island
Magnolia 'Elizabeth'	Elizabeth Magnolia	15	20	Y	N	Y		Y	Yellow white saucer flowers
Maytenus boaria	Mayten Tree	20	20	N	Y	N		N	Looks like a willow but not thirsty
Melaleuca linariifolia	Flaxleaf Paperbark	25	25	N	Y	Y		N	Small leaf spongy papery bark



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Melaleuca quinquenervia	Cajeput Tree	45	30	N	Y	Y		N	Tolerates salty wet soil
Melaleuca stypheliodes	Prickly Paperbark	35	30	N	Y	Y		N	Vpendulous attractive form
Metrosideros excelsa	New Zealand Christmas Tree	30	40	N	Y	Y		N	Nice Flowers aerial roots possible
Michelia doltsopa	Sweet Michelia	20	30	N	Y	Y		N	Fragrant Fowers
Nyssa sylvatica	Tupelo Gum	35	40	Y	N	N		Y	Excellent fall color
Olea europaea	Fruitless Olive	20	30	N	Y	N		N	'Majestic Beauty' & 'Swan Hill' are fruitless
Parkinsonia Desert Museum	Palo Verde	25	20	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Desert native
Parrotia persica Vanessa	Persian Ironwood	40	45	Y	N	Y		Y	Amazing fall color & red blossoms
Phoenix roebelenii	Pigmy Date Palm	10	10	N	Y	Y		N	Attractive small palm
Pistachia chinensis	Chinese Pistache	45	40	Y	N	N		Y	Excellent fall color
Platanus acerifolia 'Columbia' or 'Yarwood'	London Plane	50	40	Y	N	N		Y	'Columbia' has a better branching structure
Podocarpus gracilior	Fern Pine	40	45	N	Y	N		N	Looks like a Pine but not related
Prunus ilicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry	25	30	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Chaparral native drought tolerant
Prunus species (several species)	Cherry, Crabapple, Flowering Plum	30	30	Y	N	Y		Y	Several appropriate types & colors
Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'	Aristocrat Pear	30	25	Y	N	Y		Y	Open form
Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'	Chanticleer Pear	30	20	Y	N	Y		Y	Columnner form
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak	50	50	N	Y	N	Y	N	Requires wide planting strip
Quercus lobata	Valley Oak	50	50	Y	N	N	Y	Y	requires wide planting strip
Quercus rober	English Oak	40	40	Y	N	N		Y	'Fastigiata' is an upright form
Quercus rubra	Red Oak	40	40	Y	N	N		Y	Nice Fall cplor
Quercus suber	Cork Oak	50	50	N	Y	N		N	Interesting bark
Quercus virginiana	Southern Live Oak	40	40	N	Y	N		N	Irrigation and Lawn tolerant
Robinsonella cordata	Heartleaf Robinsonella	20	20	Y	N	Y			Beautiful flowers hard to find
Sapium sebiferum	Chinese Tallow	20	30	Y	N	N		Y	Nice fall color
Sophora japonica 'Regent'	Regent Scholar Tree	30	30	Y	N	Y		Y	White wisteria-like blossoms
Syagrus romanzoffianum	Queen Palm	45	15	N	Y	N		N	Tropical accent palm
Tilia americana 'Redmond'	American Linden	45	30	Y	N	Y		Y	Excellent smelling blossoms
Tilia cordata	Little leaf linden	20	45	Y	N	Y			Fragrant Flowers
Tristania conferta	Brisbane Box	25	45	N	Y	Y		N	Attractive bark & flowers
Tristania laurina 'Elegant'	Yellow Tristania	15	10	N	Y	N		N	'Elegant' has larger leaves and a redish tint
Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake'	Drake Chinese Elm	40	40	Y	N	N		N	Anthracnose resistant
Washingtonia robusta	Mexican fan Palm	60	15	N	Y	N		N	Tall thin trunk
Zelkova serrata	Zelkova	45	40	Y	N	N		Y	Related to Elms