

# OUR CITY FOREST

"PLANTING OUR FUTURE"



## Tree Species Lists

### Trees for Lining Streets in Santa Clara Valley

- Acer rubrum.** SCARLET MAPLE, RED MAPLE. Deciduous, to 40' tall, needs ample water, red twigs, branchlets, and buds, quite showy flowers, leaves are shiny green above, pale beneath, brilliant scarlet fall color when frost hits
- Arbutus 'Marina'.** Evergreen, to 40' tall, low water, attractive red bark, rosy pink flowers in fall, attractive, decorative fruit in winter, good lawn or strip tree
- Brachychiton populneus.** BOTTLE TREE. Evergreen, 30 to 50' tall, very low water, attractive leaves shimmer in breeze, upright growth habit, woody seedpods look like little canoes
- Celtis sinensis.** CHINESE HACKBERRY. Deciduous, 40' tall, low water, gold fall color, good street tree, few surface roots, relative of the elm, upright growth habit, glossy deep green leaves
- Chionanthus retusus.** CHINESE FRINGE TREE. Deciduous, to 20' tall, moderate water, leaves turn deep yellow in fall, narrow, fringelike, white petals in impressive, ample lacy clusters, in bloom a magnificent tree like a huge white lilac
- Cinnamomum camphora.** CAMPHOR TREE. Evergreen, to 55' tall and just as broad, moderate water, glossy light green mature leaves, younger leaves have pinkish red or gold color in spring, tree has distinct enlarged root flair when mature, needs ample space for invasive roots.
- Fraxinus americana.** WHITE ASH. Deciduous, to 80' tall, moderate water, dark green leaves are in leaflets, turn purplish in fall, straight trunk, oval-shaped crown, good shade tree for streets, lawn and patio shelter
- Geijera parviflora.** AUSTRALIAN WILLOW. Evergreen, 25 to 30' tall, low water, deep, non-invasive roots, pest free, some frost sensitivity, round crown, leaves resemble willow but not related
- Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'.** MAIDEN HAIR TREE. Deciduous, 35 to 80' tall, low water, bold form, unusual, delicate leaf, gold fall color, slow growing, big street, lawn tree, roots need room, plant only the male trees
- Koelreuteria bipinnata.** CHINESE FLAME TREE. Deciduous, 20 to 40' tall, moderate water, good street tree, slow-mod growth, small yellow flowers followed by showy, colorful papery seedpods
- Magnolia grandiflora 'Majestic Beauty' 'Little Gem' and 'St. Mary'.** SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA. Evergreen, 20 to 40' tall, fast growing, needs pruning to become a single-trunked tree, ample water, large white flowers in summer, big, glossy green leaves
- Pistacia chinensis.** CHINESE PISTACHE. Deciduous, to 60' tall, low water, slow growing, beautiful fall color, great street tree, good round form, may form berries in fall
- Platanus acerfolia 'Columbia' and 'Yarwood'.** COLUMBIA SYCAMORE, YARWOOD SYCAMORE. Deciduous, 40 to 80' tall, low water, fast growth, majestic, deep rooted, outstanding large street tree, excellent choice for a wide variety of applications

**Pyrus calleryana** 'Aristocrat' and 'Chanticleer'. FLOWERING PEAR. Deciduous, 25 to 50' tall, moderate water, non invasive roots, white flowers in spring, moderate growth, excellent street, susceptible to leaf spot caused by fire blight, gives vibrant red fall color

**Quercus agrifolia**. COAST LIVE OAK. Evergreen, 20 to 70' tall, native, low, low water, dense, wide crown, good shade or street tree but will not stand cultivation or planting near base of trunk

**Quercus coccinea**. SCARLET OAK. Deciduous, 60 to 80' tall, needs water, deep rooted, good fall color

**Quercus ilex**. HOLLY OAK. Evergreen, 40' to 70' tall, low water, good yard or street tree, moderate growth

**Quercus macrocarpa**. BUR OAK. Deciduous, 60 to 75' tall, moderate water, slow growing, has lobed leaf which is glossy above and silver below, large acorns

**Quercus suber**. CORK OAK. Evergreen, 70 to 100'+ tall, low water, needs good drainage, moderate growth, bark is very interesting but easy to vandalize, likes Mediterranean climate

**Quercus virginiana**. SOUTHERN LIVE OAK. Evergreen in Santa Clara County, to 60' tall, heavy-limbed crown twice as wide, ample water, one of the most attractive of evergreen oaks

**Rhus lancea**. AFRICAN SUMAC. Evergreen, to 25' tall, low, low water, slow growing, attractive street tree, can have pepper-like berries, open graceful growth habit, willow-like leaves

**Sapium sebiferum**. CHINESE TALLOW TREE. Deciduous, to 35' tall, round crown, low water, attractive leaf that flickers in breeze, excellent red to orange fall colors, good street or lawn tree

**Sophora japonica**. JAPANESE PAGODA TREE, CHINESE SCHOLAR TREE. Deciduous, to 40' tall, dark green leaves divided into numerous leaflets, drooping clusters of sweet-pea shaped flowers are followed by pods, young wood smooth dark gray green, old branches and trunk take on look of oak, huge spreading canopy

**Tilia cordata**. LITTLE-LEAF LINDEN. Deciduous, 30 to 50' tall, dense, compact crown, average water, fragrant creamy flowers, little pruning, good street tree, can have aphids

**Zelkova serrata**. SAWLEAF ZELKOVA. Deciduous, moderate to fast growth to 70' tall, & equally wide, good elm substitute, smooth bark, green leaves with yellow to dark red fall color, tolerates most soils, tolerates wind & drought.

To view pictures of these trees, go to <http://selectree.calpoly.edu>