

Recommended Street Tree Species List

San Francisco Urban Forestry Council

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The Urban Forestry Council annually reviews and updates this list of trees, in collaboration with public and non-profit urban forestry stakeholders, including San Francisco's Department of Public Works Urban Forestry Division and Friends of the Urban Forest.

It's important to carefully match the conditions of your site with the tree you choose. Please note that while this list contains recommendations that are known to do well in many locations in San Francisco, no tree is perfect for every potential tree planting location.

This list should be used as a guideline for choosing which street tree to plant, but should not be used without the help of a tree professional.

Section 1: Tree species, varieties, and cultivars that do well in most locations in the San Francisco.		
Small	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Arbutus x 'Marina' Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem' Tristaniopsis laurina (formerly Tristania laurina)	Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'
Medium	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Agonis flexuosa Callistemon viminalis Cupaniopsis anacardioides Magnolia grandiflora 'St. Mary,' Melaleuca linarifolia	None recommended
Tall	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Lagunaria patersonii Lophostemon confertus (formerly Tristania conferta) Magnolia grandiflora 'Sam Sommers,' 'Majestic Beauty,' Pittosporum undulatum	Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold', 'Princeton Sentry' 'Saratoga' Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood,' 'Columbia' 'Yarwood' Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake' 'Sempervirens'

Section 2: Tree species, varieties, and cultivars that do well with certain special considerations, which may not appropriate for planting broadly throughout the San Francisco.

	Evergreen	Deciduous
Small	Callistemon citrinus	Acer buergeranum
	Cordyline australis	Crataegus phaenopyrum
	Elaeocarpus decipens	Crataegus laevigata
	Eriobotrya deflexa	Crataegus x Lavalii
	Laurus nobilis ‘Saratoga’	Prunus cerasifera ‘Krauter Vesuvius’
	Leptospermum laevigatum	
	Magnolia doltsopa (formerly Michelia doltsopa)	
	Magnolia champaca (formerly Michelia champaca)	
	Pittosporum crassifolium	
	Pyrus kawakamii	
	Rhus lancea	
	Tristaniopsis laurina ‘Elegant’	
Garrya elliptica		
Medium	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Acacia baileyana ‘Purpurea’	Aesculus x carnea
	Agonis flexuosa – ‘After Dark’	Celtis sinensis
	Geijera parvifolia	Koelreuteria paniculata
	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Pistacia chinensis ‘Keith Davey’
	Melaleuca ericifolia	Pyrus calleryana ‘New Bradford’
	Melaleuca quinquenervia	
	Melaleuca styphelioides	
	Metrosideros excelsus	
Olea europaea		

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	Evergreen	Deciduous
Medium	Phoenix dactylifera	
	Podocarpus gracilior	
	Syagrus romanzoffianum	
Tall	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Brahea edulus	Acer rubrum
	Ceratonia siliqua	Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster'
	Corymbia ficifolia	Liquidambar styraciflua
	Eucalyptus nicholii	Liriodendron tulipifera
	Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Tilia cordata
	Hymenosporum flavum	
	Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius	
	Magnolia grandiflora 'Russet'	
	Phoenix canariensis	
	Quercus agrifolia	
Quercus suber		
Washingtonia robusta		

**Section 3: Tree species, varieties, and cultivars which are experimental.
San Francisco does not have many of these species planted yet and would like to plant more of these trees to test how they do.**

	Evergreen	Deciduous
Small	Prunus lyonii	Magnolia x soulangeana ‘Rustica Rubra’ and other varieties
	Prunus ilicifolia	
Medium	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Banksia integrifolia	Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’
	Brachychiton populneum	Corylus colurna,
	Cassia leptophylla	
	Cedrella fissilis	
	Chorisia speciosa	
	Pittosporum eugenioides	
	Pittosporum rhombifolium	
	Quercus virginiana	
Schinus molle		
Tall	Evergreen	Deciduous
	Quercus ilex	Acer x freemanii
	Quercus tomentella	Acer platanoides
		Platanus x acerifolia ‘Liberty’
		Quercus frainetto ‘Forest Green’
		Quercus phellos
		Ulmus parvifolia x carpinifolia ‘Frontier’
		Ulmus wilsoniana ‘Prospector’
		Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana ‘Accolade’
	Zelkova serrata	