

# Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Cara Short  
Date of evaluation: 10/10/8  
Scientific name: Metrosideros robusta  
Common name: Northern rata  
Street address: 1776 Vallego  
Cross streets: Gough

**Rarity**  Yes  Partially  No

**Rarity:**  Rare  Uncommon  Common  Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Species rare in SF, although difficult to distinguish from M. excelsa for layperson

**Physical Attributes**  Yes  Partially  No

**Size:**  Large  Medium  Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:**  Yes  No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distinguished form:**  Yes  No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: co-dominant stems about 8' above grade

Canopy has nice shape

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**Tree condition:** \_\_\_ Good  \_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_ Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: structure is problematic  
tree is healthy

**Historical** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially  No

**Historical Association:** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: although next to historic landmark  
not clear tree is "associated" w/the house.

**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes \_\_\_ Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: tree of SF

**Environmental** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_ No

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

**Low tree density:** \_\_\_ Low  Moderate \_\_\_ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: neighborhood fairly well tree-d not  
many trees on other side of this block.

**Interdependent group of trees:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes \_\_\_ No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**High traffic area:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Important wildlife habitat:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

*nectar valued, not sure of other habitat*  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Erosion control:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Partially  No

**Neighborhood appreciation:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural appreciation:** \_\_\_ Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:** \_\_\_ Yes  No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Profiled in a publication or other media:  Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Trees of SF

Prominent landscape feature:  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: one of larger trees on block

nic canopy

Additional comments

The rarity of the species is noteworthy

The trees structure is a concern.

The species in its native habitat is  
semi-epiphytic - this may affect  
structural stability - but unknown for  
terrestrial establishment.