

# 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: Mike Sullivan  
Date of evaluation: 9/15/18  
Scientific name: Metrosideros robusta  
Common name: Northern rata  
Street address: 1772 Vallejo Street  
Cross streets: Gough / Franklin

**Rarity**  Yes  Partially  No

**Rarity:**  Rare  Uncommon  Common  Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Very rare in San Francisco - handful on the streets

**Physical Attributes**  Yes  Partially  No

**Size:**  Large  Medium  Small

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

Comment: Largest one I know of in SF.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Beautiful form/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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Appears to be in excellent health. Included bark?*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 San Francisco*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Plenty of trees in the adjacent neighborhood.*

**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: *Visible from Vallejo Street*

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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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Not aware of any.*

**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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Describe coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

See above

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

Additional comments

Largest specimen I'm aware of  
of this rare New Zealand native.  
Close relative of our very common  
New Zealand Christmas tree (*M.  
excelsus*). Adjacent to another  
impressive specimen of an even rarer  
New Zealand native - the titoki  
(*Alectryon excelsus*) at 1772 Vallejo