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STREET TREES
Medium-Large Canopy

Our City Forest provides trees for streets, yards, schools, parks, and many other locations in Silicon Valley. Large shade trees are especially beneficial and are proven to increase property values, communities, and health. They also provide energy and water cost savings, along with many other benefits for you and your community. In San José, a permit is required to plant a street tree. Our City Forest is here to help and can assist in choosing the right tree for the right place.

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- California native tree (Stays green, but drops some leaves throughout year)
- Evergreen tree (Drops leaves in winter)
- Deciduous tree
- Showy flowers
- Produces fruit (Fruit, cone, or seed)

• Fast-growing, long branches, and small leaves
• Yellow fall color, but some years will retain many leaves
• Attractive lightly-colored, puzzle-like patterns on bark
• Tolerant of urban conditions but responds well to regular water

Frontier Elm
Ulmus x ‘Frontier’

Height: 35-40 ft. Spread: 30-35 ft.
• Fast-growing and tough
• Dark green leaves turn purple in fall
• Resistant to Dutch elm disease other and pests
• Oval or pyramidal form at maturity

Accolade® Elm
Ulmus davidiana var. japonica ‘Morton’

Height: 50-60 ft. Spread: 30-40 ft.
• Arching, vase-shaped tree
• Leaves turn a colorful yellow in autumn
• Very resistant to Dutch elm disease and pests
• Tolerant of harsh urban conditions

Chinese Elm
Ulmus parvifolia

Height: 40-50 ft. Spread: 30-40 ft.
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Green Vase Zelkova
Zelkova serrata ‘Green Vase’

Height: 50-65 ft. Spread: 50-65 ft.
• Vase-shaped, tall shade tree
• Leaves turn an attractive orange-red in fall
• Bark is grey with speckles of orange-brown
• Dependable, hardy tree produces moderate shade

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Heritage® Improved Birch
Betula nigra ‘Cully Improved’
Height: 40 ft. Spread: 25-30 ft.
• Fast growing, pyramidal tree
• Textured, peeling bark with shades of grey, brown, and pink
• Yellow fall color
• Produces slender catkins
For more densely leafed and more drought tolerant option, consider the Dura-Heat® Birch (Betula nigra ‘BNMTF’). It grows to the same dimensions as the Heritage®.

Australian Pine
Casuarina cunninghamiana
Height: 45-55 ft. Spread: 25-30 ft.
• Tall, conical shape at maturity
• Evergreen tree similar to pine
• Small brown cones in spring
• Drought tolerant substitute for redwood

D.D. Blanchard Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora ‘D.D. Blanchard’
• Open pyramidal form at maturity
• Glossy evergreen leaves with fuzzy brown underside
• Large, fragrant white flowers
• Provides dense shade year-round

Northern Catalpa
Catalpa speciosa
Height: 40-60 ft. Spread: 25-40 ft.
• Broad, large leaves turn yellow in fall
• Showy clusters of white flowers in summer
• Bean pods form on tree in fall for seasonal interest
• Fast-growing, hardy shade tree

Leyland Cypress
Cupressocyparis x leylandii
Height: 35-45 ft. Spread: 15-20 ft.
• Fast-growing tree; good for use as a screen
• Provides thick shade due to dense structure
• Evergreen foliage with pleasant scent
• Tall pyramidal form
Also available: Italian cypress (Cupressus sempervirens). This tree has similar qualities to the Leyland cypress.

Autumn Gold Ginkgo
Ginkgo biloba ‘Autumn Gold’
Height: 30-50 ft. Spread: 25-45 ft.
• Rounded or umbrella form as mature tree
• Light grey fissured bark
• Light green leaves turn a stunning gold in fall
• Long-lived, hardy but slow-growing tree

Streetspire® Oak
Quercus robur x alba ‘JFS-KW1QX’
Height: 45 ft. Spread: 15 ft.
• Dark green summer foliage with rusty, red fall color
• Columnar growth habit, ideal for narrow spaces
• Fast-growing and tough urban tree
• Produces acorns

Nutall Oak
Quercus nuttallii
Height: 35-50 ft. Spread: 35-50 ft.
• Broad, oval canopy at maturity
• Yellow-orange to red fall color
• Tough tree; handles urban conditions well
• Dark green leaves similar to red or pin oak
• Produces acorns

Sterling Silver Linden
Tilia tomentosa ‘Sterling’
Height: 45 ft. Spread: 30 ft.
• Silvery-green, heart-shaped leaves shimmer in wind
• Golden color in fall
• Moderate growth rate, good in urban settings
• Tiny but fragrant flowers

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Small Canopy

Small canopy trees are ideal for park strips with limited space or for areas with overhead high voltage lines. Small canopy trees typically grow to a height of 35’ or less when mature. Our City Forest is often unable to provide small canopy trees to locations that do not have these site restrictions because larger trees provide more benefits.

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- Produces fruit
- Ornamental fruit

• Low height, with broad spreading shape
• Red fall color
• Somewhat drought-tolerant, once established
• Ideal for street plantings under utility lines

• Low water needs
• White spring flowers and glossy, purple leaves
• Good for very small spaces or for screens
• Ornamental fruits and crimson fall color

• Low branching, with elegant weeping form
• Fast growing with dense canopy
• Good for screen or shade
• Small yellow flower clusters in summer
• Produces small drupes in fall

• Columnar form
• Fast growing
• Hardy, stately urban tree

• Upright, oval canopy
• Dark green summer leaves
• Yellow to orange-red fall color
• Slow growing with strong branches
• Hardy, stately urban tree
**Hedge Maple**  
_Acer campestre_  
- Erect, rounded canopy  
- Rich green summer leaves  
- Golden fall color  
- Resilient street tree  

‘Evelyn’ also available, a more upright and vigorous cultivar

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**Eastern Redbud**  
_Cercis canadensis_  
- Rounded, spreading canopy  
- Pink flowers appear in early spring  
- Produces attractive seed pods in fall  
- Yellow fall color  
- More tree-like, but less drought-tolerant, than the Western Redbud  

Limited Quantities

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**Chinese Flame Tree**  
_Koelreuteria bipinnata_  
- Showy yellow flowers in summer  
- Papery, lantern-like colorful seed pods  
- Bright yellow color in fall  
- Beautiful choice for nearly year-round interest

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**MaacNificent® Maackia**  
_Maackia amurensis ‘MaacNificent’_  
- Upright, vase-shaped canopy  
- Spires of white flowers in early summer  
- New leaves are an attractive silvery-green  
- Yellow fall color  
- Clusters of flat seed pods in fall

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**Marilee® Crabapple**  
_Malus ‘Jarmin’_  
*Height: 25 ft. Spread: 10 ft.*  
- Narrow, upright form  
- Fruitless cultivar with pink and white blooms  
- Green leaves turn yellow in fall  
- Disease resistant  
- Good choice for yards and sites with very limited space

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**Japanese Snowbell Tree**  
_Styrax japonicus_  
- Attractive, fragrant white flowers in spring  
- Showy yellow fall color  
- Spreading form, good for privacy  
- Green drupes form following bloom  
- Great for gardens and small spaces

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**Carolina Laurel Cherry**  
_Prunus caroliniana_  
- Dense evergreen canopy, great for privacy screens  
- Showy white flower clusters in spring  
- Produces small inedible fruits, which birds love  
- Fast growing during establishment

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**Fruitless Mulberry**  
_Morus alba ‘Fruitless’_  
*Height: 20-30 ft. Spread: 30-35 ft.*  
- Fast growing, dense tree  
- Large, glossy leaves good for privacy and shade  
- Yellow fall color  
- Though a mulberry, this tree does not fruit

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**Emerald Sunshine® Elm**  
_Ulmus propinqua ‘JFS-Bieberich’_  
*Height: 30-35 ft. Spread: 25 ft.*  
- Adapted to hot urban climates  
- Fast-growing, tough shade tree  
- Leaves emerge a coppery color and change to a deep green  
- Showy yellow fall color  
- Produces small, dry samaras
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Don’t see a tree you like? Additional species may be available in limited quantities or in 5 gallons. Some Outside Purchased (OP) trees are available for $100 each. Download our Yard Trees, Small Canopy and Medium to Large Canopy Street Trees brochures from ourcityforest.org/nursery or stop by during our weekly open hours: Thursday - Saturday, 9AM-Noon.

Bigleaf Maple
Acer macrophyllum
Height: 40-60 ft. Spread: 30-50 ft.
• Fast growing
• Spectacular yellow-orange fall color
• Produces winged seeds
• Resistant to oak root fungus
• Drought-tolerant, once established

Available in 5-gallon

How are the trees selected for street planting in San Jose, and what criteria are used to determine their suitability for different locations?
**California Buckeye**
*Aesculus californica*

- Height: 10-30 ft.
- Spread: 30 ft.
- Often multi-trunked, but can be trained as a single trunk
- Fragrant, cream colored flower clusters appear in spring
- Produces big pear-shaped fruits
- Leaves drop in summer

**Western Redbud**
*Cercis occidentalis*

- Height: 10-18 ft.
- Spread: 10-18 ft.
- Can grow as a multi-trunked shrub or small tree
- Magenta flowers bloom on branches in early spring
- Heart-shaped leaves turn red in the fall
- Produces seed pods
- Resistant to oak root fungus
- Very drought-tolerant

**Burgundy Deset Willow**
*Chilopsis linearis ‘Burgundy’*

- Height: 15-30 ft.
- Spread: 10-20 ft.
- Small tree or large shrub with an open, airy structure
- Willowy pendant branches
- Narrow green leaves
- Fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies

**Toyon**
*Heteromeles arbutifolia*

- Height: 15-25 ft.
- Spread: 15-25 ft.
- Typically a multi-trunked, large shrub, but can be trained to be a small canopy tree
- Small white flowers appear in clusters during the summer
- Produces edible red berries in the fall to winter

**Catalina Ironwood**
*Lyonothamnus floribundus*

- Height: 20-30 ft.
- Spread: 15-25 ft.
- Slender, upright canopy
- Shredding grey bark reveals cinnamon-colored new bark
- Palmate leaves with long slender triangular lobes
- Produces clusters of white flowers in spring
- Native to the Channel Islands of California

**Pacific Wax Myrtle**
*Myrica californica*

- Height: 10-30 ft.
- Spread: 10-20 ft.
- Native to the coast and coastal valleys
- Can be a big shrub or tree, usually with many upright trunks
- Produces brownish-purple berries that attract birds

**Valley Oak**
*Quercus lobata*

- Height: 50-70 ft.
- Spread: 50-70 ft.
- Fastest growing native oak, with large majestic spreading canopy as it matures
- Deeply-lobed leaves
- Produces 1-1.5” slender acorns
- Tolerates wet soil in winter and likes full sun
- Yellow to orange fall color

**Catalina Cherry**
*Prunus illicifolia ‘Lyonii’*

- Height: 20-30 ft.
- Spread: 15-25 ft.
- Typically a multi-trunked, large shrub, but can be trained to be a small canopy tree
- Small white flowers appear in clusters during the summer
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**Coast Live Oak**
*Quercus agrifolia*

- Height: 40-50 ft.
- Spread: 60 ft.
- Broad canopy with distinct, majestic form when mature
- Dark green holly-like leaves year round
- Needs no water in summer once established (not recommended for irrigated areas)
- Suitable as a yard tree or street tree with large growing space

**Available in 5 & 15-gallon**