

Accepted Street Tree List for the City of Albany, CA



USDA Hardiness Zone : 10A - Sunset Climate Zone: 17

Click on **both** common and botanical tree names for info. *Other cultivars may be considered depending on site conditions.

Common Name (click name for description)	Botanical Name (click for alternate description)	Under High-Voltage	Water needs	Minimum tree basin width	Deciduous or Evergreen	Summary of Features
Mulga Acacia	Acacia aneura	ok	low	27"	E	20'h x 15'w - likes hot, dry areas, yellow flowers in summer/fall
Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum	ok	med	27"	D	20'h x 20'w - needs full or partial shade
Marina Madrone ("Strawberry Tree")	Arbutus 'Marina'	ok	low	27"	E	35'h x 35'w - relative of the CA native Madrone
Redbud (var: Eastern / Texas / Forest Pansy)	Cercis canadensis	ok	low - med	27"	D	25'h x 25'w - sensitive to pruning or breakage
Bronze Loquat	Eriobotrya deflexa	ok	low - med	27"	E	30'h x 20'w - non-fruiting, great leaf color and texture
Topal Holly / East Palatka Holly	Ilex x attenuata 'East Palatka'	NO	med	27"	E	35'h x 15'w - drought-tolerant once established, pyramidal
Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia 'Muskogee' / 'Natchez' / 'Tuscarora'	ok	low	27"	D	30'h x 25'w - showy summer flowers (lavender/white/pink)
Saratoga Laurel	Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga'	ok	low	27"	E	20'h x 15'w - 'Sweet Bay', the culinary 'Bay Leaf', hardy tree
Little Gem Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	ok	med	27"	E	20'h x 10'w - dwarf Southern Magnolia - small, narrow
St Mary Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora 'St Mary'	ok	med	27"	E	25'h x 25'w - dwarf Southern Magnolia, small, rounded
Bracelet Honey Myrtle	Melaleuca armarillis	ok	low	27"	E	25'h x 25'w - weeping form
Akebono Flowering Cherry	Prunus x yedoensis	ok	med	27"	D	25'h x 25'w - full sun, pink spring flowers
Kindred Spirit Oak	Quercus robur 'Kindred Spirit'	ok	low	27"	D	30-'h x 6' w - upright, narrow, drought resistant-trial basis

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Black Karee (African Sumac)	Searsia lancea	ok	low	27"	E	25'h x 30'w - good shade tree
Emerald Sunshine Elm	Ulmus propinqua 'Emerald Sunshine'	ok	low - med	27"	D	30'h x 20'w - drought tolerant, golden fall color
City Sprite Zelkova	Zelkova serrata 'City Sprite'	ok	med	27"	D	20'h x 18'w - semi-dwarf, drought resistant
Shoestring Acacia	Acacia stenophylla	ok	low	40"	E	30'h x 20'w - good substitute for Australian Willow, fragrant flowers
Trident Maple	Acer buergerianum	ok	low - med	40"	D	30'h x 25'w - fall color, drought tolerant
Red Horsechestnut (Briotti / Fort McNair)	Aesculus carnea 'Briotti'	NO	low - med	40"	D	Red Flowers: Briotti-40'h x 30'w, Fort McNair-30'h x 25'w
Fern Pine	Afrocarpus falcatus	NO	low - med	40"	E	40'h x 20'w - aka: Podocarpus
Peppermint Tree	Agonis flexuosa	ok	low	40"	E	30"h x 30'w - fragrant white spring flowers. Low wind areas.
River Birch	Betula nigra	NO	med	40"	D	70'h x 40'w - drought tolerant
European Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'	NO	low	40"	D	40'h x 30'w - pyramidal shape
Maidenhair Tree	Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold' / 'Princeton Sentry' / 'Fastigiata' /	NO	low	40"	D	45'h x 30'w - fruitless male only, slow grower
Chinese Flame Tree	Koelreuteria bipinnata	ok	med	40"	D	35'h x 25'w - showy yellow flowers, and red/orange 'lanterns'
Goldenrain Tree	Koelreuteria paniculata	ok	med	40"	D	35'h x 40'w - showy yellow flowers
Primrose Tree	Lagunaria patersonii	NO	low	40"	E	40'h x 20'w - small pinkish flowers
Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	NO	med	40"	D	60'h x 40'w - flowers early summer

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Brisbane Box	Lophostemon confertus	NO	med	40"	E	50'h x 30'w - tall, narrow tree
Catalina Ironwood	Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius	ok	low	40"	E	35'h x 15'w - CA native, best with less wind exposure
Flax Leaf Paperbark	Melaleuca linariifolia	NO	low	40"	E	35'h x 25'w - 'summer snow' effect from flowers
Cajeput	Melaleuca quinquenervia	NO	low	40"	E	35'h x 20'w - tolerates wind, great street tree
Black Tupelo (Sour Gum)	Nyssa sylvatica	NO	low - med	40"	D	40'h x 30'w - tolerates drought and flooding, great fall color
Fruitless Olive	Olea europaea 'Majestic Beauty'	ok	low	40"	E	25'h x 25'w - hardy, long-lived, drought tolerant
Keith Davey Chinese Pistache	Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey'	ok	med	40"	D	30'h x 30'w - fall color
Red Push Pistache	Pistacia x 'Red Push'	ok	low	40"	D	30'h x 25'w - fall color, drought and cold tolerant, fruitless
Victorian Box	Pittosporum undulatum	ok	low	40"	E	30'h x 30'w - fragrant flowers
Long-Leafed Yellowwood	Podocarpus henkelii	ok	med	40"	E	30'h x 25'w - podocarpus
Catalina Cherry	Prunus ilicifolia lyonii	ok	low	40"	E	30'h x 25'w - native to California Catalina Islands
Canby's Oak / Chisos Red Oak	Quercus canbyi	ok	low	40"	E/D	35'h x 30'w - very drought tolerant
Urban Pinnacle Oak	Quercus macrocarpa 'Urban Pinnacle'	NO	low	40"	D	45'h x 20'w - upright, yellow fall color, tiny acorns
Chinquapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	NO	low	40"	D	45'h x 50'w - wide crown
Skinny Genes English Oak	Quercus robur x alba 'Skinny Genes'	NO	low	40"	D	40'h x 10'w - tall, narrow oak

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Soapbark Tree	Quillaja saponaria	NO	low	40"	E	45'h x 25'w - good street tree, yellow or cream flowers
Purple Robe Locust	Robinia 'Purple Robe'	ok	low	40"	D	35'h x 25'w - sterile cultivar, purple flowers
Swamp Myrtle (Water Gum)	Tristanopsis laurina	ok	low	40"	E	35'h x 30'w - hardy tree, fragrant flowers
Frontier Elm	Ulmus 'Frontier'	ok	med	40"	D	30'h x 20'w - 'Dutch Elm' resistant
Dynasty Chinese Elm	Ulmus parvifolia 'Dynasty'	NO	med	40"	E	45'h x 50'w - resists disease
Musashino Sawleaf Zelkova	Zelkova serrata 'Musashino'	NO	med	40"	D	40'h x 15'w - narrow, upright
Village Green Sawleaf Zelkova	Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'	NO	med	40"	D	50'h x 45'w - vase shape, good shade
October Glory Red Maple	Acer rubrum 'October Glory'	NO	med	54"	D	45'h x 40'w - fall color
Mountain She-Oak	Allocasuarina verticillata	ok	low	54"	E	35'h x 25'w - pine needle-like leaves
New Zealand Christmas Tree	Metrosideros excelsa	ok	low	54"	E	30'h x 25'w - showy red flowers
Coast Live Oak	Quercus agrifolia	NO	low	54"	E	60' h x 60'w - CA native, high wildlife value, long lived
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	NO	low	54"	D	55'h x 45'w - long lived, drought tolerant
Holly Oak	Quercus ilex	NO	low	54"	E	50'h x 60'w - hardy, good wildlife tree
Shumard Red Oak	Quercus shumardii	NO	low	54"	D	60'h x 35'w - fall color, tolerates compacted soil
Cork Oak	Quercus suber	NO	low	54"	E	40'h x 40'w - hardy, interesting bark

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Silver Linden	Tilia tomentosa	NO	low - med	54"	D	40'h x 20'w - aphid resistant, showy summer flowers
Red Flowering Gum	Corymbia ficifolia	NO	low	60"	E	45'h x 60'w - large mature trunk
Carrotwood	Cupaniopsis anacardioides	NO	low	60"	E	40'h x 30'w - good in poor soil, doesn't like windy locations
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	NO	med	60"	E	50'h x 40'w - classic magnolia, needs lots of room
Mondell Pine	Pinus eldarica	NO	low	60"	E	60'h x 35'w - tolerates heat, wind and dry conditions
London Plane Tree	Platanus x hispanica 'Columbia'	NO	med	60"	D	50'h x 40'w - survives harsh conditions
Green tab indicates few specimens or absent in Albany		*If species is unavailable a similar species/cultivar may be substituted.				
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<i>trees removed from list:</i>						
Big Leaf Maple	poor performance					alternate: Red Maple
Australian Willow	poor performance					alternate: Shoestring Acacia
California Lilac	poor performance, lack of availability					alternate: Marina Madrone
Flowering Dogwood	poor performance with drought					alternate: Chinese Fringe Tree
Eastern Redbud	available only if Texas Redbud is not					alternate: Texas Redbud
Washington Hawthorne	large thorns, poor performance					alternate: Bronze Loquat
Flowering Crabapple	susceptible to woolly aphids, poor performance					alternate: Rusty Blackhaw
Ornamental Pear	afflicted with fireblight, limb failure					alternate: Sour Gum
Kwanzan Cherry	poor performance with drought					alternate: Akebono Cherry
Hedge Maple	in favor of more appropriate species, shrubby, needs water, possibly invasive					alternate: Trident Maple
Jacaranda	poor performance, general decline in our area					alternate: Purple Robe Locust
California Buckeye	unruly growth pattern, not suitable for street planting, large seeds					alternate: Horsechestnut
Paperbark Maple	poor performance					alternate: Trident Maple
<i>trees not permitted:</i>						
Blue Gum Eucalyptus	invasive, unruly tree					alternate: Silver Dollar Gum
Sweet Gum / Liquidambar	weak limbs, infrastructure damage					alternate: Red Maple
Evergreen Ash	weak limbs, sidewalk damage					alternate: Sawleaf Zelkova

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Camphor	sidewalk damage					alternate: Coast Live Oak
Redwood	sidewalk damage					alternate: Mondell Pine
Fruits, vegetables, thorny	fruit drop, rodents, poor performance in drought conditions					ok in front or backyard