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Mulga <i>Acacia aneura</i>	<i>Acacia aneura</i>	evergreen	25	15-20	moderate	Very low	low	yes	2 - 4'	Australia	This small dessert tree is highly drought tolerant with an attractive grey green color.
Shoestring acacia <i>Acacia stenophylla</i>	<i>Acacia stenophylla</i>	evergreen	30	10-20	fast	Very low	Unknown	no	5 - 10'	Australia	Salt tolerant and moderately tolerant of frost, flood, and drought. Fast-growing tree with weeping shape. Provides light shade, needs full sun.
Trident maple <i>Acer buergerianum</i>	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	deciduous	25	20	fast	moderate	low	yes	4 - 7'	East Asia	Native to East Asia. Good shade tree with regular form.
Red maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	deciduous	45	25	fast	moderate	low	no	4 - 7'	Eastern U.S.	Good street tree, tolerates smog well. Native to Eastern North America.
California buckeye* <i>Aesculus californica</i>	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	deciduous	10-25	23-30	moderate	very low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Northern California	Large seed creates pedestrian/cyclist hazard ; salt sensitive. Can be summer-deciduous.
Red horsechestnut <i>Aesculus x carnea 'Briotti'</i>	<i>Aesculus x carnea 'Briotti'</i>	deciduous	35-50	35-50	slow, moderate	moderate	low	No	>10'	N/A	Hybrid between eastern U.S. (<i>Aesculus pavia</i>) and European species (<i>Aesculus hippocastinatum</i>). Striking red flowers attract hummingbirds. Good under overhead wires.
African fern pine <i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>	evergreen	40-65	20-40	moderate, fast	moderate	low	no	>10'	Eastern Africa	Native to Eastern Africa. Stately, shade tree with dense canopy. Successful in shady spots.
Peppermint tree <i>Agonis flexuosa</i>	<i>Agonis flexuosa</i>	evergreen	25-30	15-30	fast	low	moderate	yes	5 - 10'	Australia	Native to Australia. Older trees develop beautiful weeping form. Disease and pest resistant. Crushed leaves smell like peppermint.
Strawberry tree <i>Arbutus unedo</i>	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	evergreen	15-35	20-35	slow, moderate	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Southern Europe and Ireland	Native to Southern Europe and Ireland. Desirable as a landscape specimen tree and attractive to local pollinators and wildlife.
Marina madrone <i>Arbutus x 'Marina'</i>	<i>Arbutus x 'Marina'</i>	evergreen	20-30	20-30	slow, moderate	low	low	yes	2 - 5'	N/A	Medium-sized evergreen tree; fruit can stain pavements.
Tree banksia <i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	evergreen	45-65	15-30	slow	low	unknown	no	>7'	Australia	Native to Australia. Flowers attract hummingbirds. More upright form than <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> .
Flame tree <i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	deciduous	60	30-40	moderate	low	moderate	no	>7'	Australia	Native to Australia. Spectacular when in bloom. Tough, glossy, deep green leaves form a dense canopy.
European hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	deciduous	40	20-30	slow, moderate	moderate	low	no	5 - 10'	Europe and Iran	Native to Europe and Iran. Great for fall color. Columnar form.
Pyramidal European hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigata'	<i>Carpinus betulus</i> 'Fastigata'	deciduous	35-45	25-40	moderate	moderate	low	no	>10'	Europe and Iran	Native to Europe and Iran. Great for fall color. Columnar form.
Gold medallion tree <i>Cassia leptophylla</i>	<i>Cassia leptophylla</i>	semi-deciduous	25	30	fast	low	moderate	yes	5 - 10'	Brazil	Native to Brazil. Prefers fast draining soil. Seeds are considered poisonous.
Chinese fringe tree <i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	deciduous	10-20	6-12	moderate	moderate	low	yes	2 - 5'	China	Attractive small tree suitable for narrow planting spaces; deciduous with good fall color; attractive flowers; birds eat small fruit.
Chitalpa x <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> 'Morning Cloud'	<i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> 'Morning Cloud'	deciduous	20-30	20-30	fast	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	N/A	Cross between <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> and <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> . Brilliant display of frilly blooms for a spectacular display throughout the year. Flowers can be slip hazard when planted along hard surfaces.
Smoke tree <i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	deciduous	15		moderate	low	low	yes	2 - 5'	Southern Europe and central China	Native to Southern Europe and Central China. Small, shrub-like tree with striking and unique floral displays.
Bronze loquat <i>Eriobotrya deflexa</i>	<i>Eriobotrya deflexa</i>	evergreen	20-25	15-25	fast	moderate	low	yes	5 - 10'	China	Native to China. Heavy textured tree with interesting foliage. Attracts birds. Fire blight susceptibility and fruit litter can be slip hazard on sidewalks.
Lemon-scented gum <i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i>	<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i>	evergreen	60-100	50-100	fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Australia	Native to Australia. Large-sized evergreen tree; smooth trunk with attractive bark.
Red-flowering gum <i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i>	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i>	evergreen	15-40	15-60	moderate	low	moderate	no	>10'	Australia	Medium-sized evergreen tree; root collar becomes very large; requires at least 7'-wide planting area.
Maidenhair tree <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Princeton Sentry'	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Princeton Sentry'	deciduous	40-55	15-20	moderate, fast	moderate	low	no	>10'	China	Naturally narrow columnar shaped tree.

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Sweetshade <i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	evergreen	25-40	15-20	slow, moderate	moderate	low	no	5 - 10'	Australia	Native to Australia. Flower fragrance is pleasant and attracts birds and bees.
Chinese flame tree <i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>	<i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>	deciduous	20-40	15-30	slow, moderate	moderate	low	yes	5 - 10'	China	Medium-sized deciduous tree with showy yellow flowers in late summer develop into colorful, persistent seed capsules; moderate pruning requirements.
Golden rain tree <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	deciduous	20-35	25-40	slow, moderate	moderate	low	yes	5 - 10'	China and Korea	Medium-sized deciduous tree with showy yellow flowers in late summer develop into colorful, persistent seed capsules; moderate pruning requirements.
Primrose tree <i>Lagunaria patersonii</i>	<i>Lagunaria patersonii</i>	evergreen	50	20	fast	low	low	no	5 - 10'	South Pacific and Australia	Native to South Pacific and Australia. Saline and smog tolerant. Fine hairs within the seed capsule can cause itchiness. Little watering necessary.
Saratoga laurel <i>Laurus nobilis</i> 'Saratoga'	<i>Laurus nobilis</i> 'Saratoga'	evergreen	15-30	15-25	slow	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Southern Europe	Evergreen medium-sized tree; <i>L. nobilis</i> is dioecious and 'Saratoga' is from a male selection.
Brisbane box <i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	evergreen	30-50	10-30	fast	moderate	moderate	no	5 - 10'	Eastern Australia	Medium to large evergreen tree; attractive bark.
Catalina ironwood <i>Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius</i>	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius</i>	evergreen	25-50	15-25	moderate	low	moderate	yes	5 - 10'	Channel Islands	Native to Catalina Island. Good street tree for coastal areas, as long as it has some wind protection. Variable form and appearance.
Flaxleaf paperbark <i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	evergreen	20-25	20-40	fast	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Australia	Because of crown form and size, may be difficult to attain 14' clearance over streets.
Cajeput tree <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	evergreen	20-40	15-25	moderate	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Australia	Medium-sized tree with upright form; attractive bark peels off in sheets.
Prickly melaleuca <i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i>	<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i>	evergreen	20-40	10-20	fast	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Australia	Because of crown form and size, may be difficult to attain 14' clearance over streets.
Pohutukawa or New Zealand Christmas tree <i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	evergreen	30-35	30-35	moderate	low	moderate	yes	>9'	New Zealand	Medium-sized evergreen tree with attractive red flowers in late spring to summer; forms aerial roots that may descend to ground and take root; root collar can become very large; requires at least 9'-wide planting area.
Sour gum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	deciduous	40	20	moderate	high	low	no	>7'	Eastern U.S.	Native to the Eastern U.S. Pyramidal form when young becomes oval with age. Good fall color.
Persian ironwood <i>Parrotia persica</i>	<i>Parrotia persica</i>	deciduous	20	30	slow, moderate	moderate	low	yes	5 - 10'	Iran, Turkey, Georgia	Native to Iran, Turkey, and Georgia. A small specimen tree great for small spaces and under power lines.
Canary Island pine <i>Pinus canariensis</i>	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	evergreen	50-70	20-35	fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Canary Islands	Large evergreen tree; low water use.
Mondell pine <i>Pinus eldarica</i>	<i>Pinus eldarica</i>	evergreen	30-80	15-25	fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Azerbaijan and Georgia	Tall, narrow form conifer gives scale to streetscape.
Chinese pistache <i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	deciduous	30-40	25-35	moderate, fast	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	China	Needs good drainage.
Western sycamore* <i>Platanus racemosa</i>	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	deciduous	30-80	20-50	fast	moderate	moderate	no	>10'	California	Large, deciduous, native, riparian tree; repeated leaf drop in spring/summer due to leaf disease. High allergenicity.
London plane cvs. <i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	<i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	deciduous	85	50-70	fast	moderate	moderate	no	>10'	N/A	High allergen. High allergen. Use a cultivar compatible with site condition site conditions.
Coast live oak* <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	evergreen	20-70	20-70	moderate	very low	low	no	>10'	California	Large evergreen tree; acorns can create slipping hazard; moderate pruning required to establish good structure.
Texas red oak <i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	deciduous	40-50	30-50	moderate, fast	moderate	low	no	>10'	Southern U.S.	Native to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.
Chisos oak <i>Quercus canbyi</i>	<i>Quercus canbyi</i>	semi-deciduous	30-50	30-50	moderate	(not listed)	low	no	>10'	Texas and Mexico	Native to Texas and Mexico. Very drought tolerant red oak species per UFEI and slightly more compact form than other oaks.
Scarlet oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	deciduous	60-80	40-70	moderate, fast	moderate	moderate	no	>10'	Eastern U.S.	Native to eastern United States. Does not get mistletoe as much as other oaks.
Engelmann oak <i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	semi-deciduous	70	60	moderate	low	not listed	no	4 to 7'	Southern California	Native to southern California. Listed as endangered on US Red List for Oaks due to habitat loss. Requires moderate pruning.
Hungarian oak <i>Quercus frainetto</i> 'Schmidt'	<i>Quercus frainetto</i> 'Schmidt'	deciduous	40-50	30	fast	(not listed)	moderate	no	>7'	South-central and eastern Europe	Native to South Central and Eastern Europe. Mid-sized deciduous, shade tree good for butterflies and local wildlife.

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Valley oak* <i>Quercus lobata</i>	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	deciduous	50-70	50	moderate, fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Northern California	Large deciduous tree; acorns can create slipping hazard.
Chinquapin oak <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	deciduous	40-50	50-60	moderate, fast	low	low	no	>10'	Southeastern and Eastern U.S.	Native to Southern and Eastern United States. Moderately-sized oak with orange-yellow fall color.
Upright English oak <i>Quercus robur</i> 'Fastigata'	<i>Quercus robur</i> 'Fastigata'	deciduous	50-60	10-20	moderate	moderate	moderate	no	>10'	Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia	Native to Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia. Good choice for narrow spaces and next to sound walls.
Netleaf oak <i>Quercus rugosa</i>	<i>Quercus rugosa</i>	evergreen	60	20-40	moderate, fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Mexico	Netleaf oak is native to Mexico. It's an evergreen tree with brown and scaly bark. Leaves are thick and leathery, curled similar to coast live oak but covered with a reddish-brown hair on the underside.
Shumard red oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	deciduous	30-40	50-70	moderate, fast	moderate	moderate	yes	>10'	Eastern U.S.	Native to Eastern United States. Upright and stately canopy.
Cork oak <i>Quercus suber</i>	<i>Quercus suber</i>	evergreen	70	70	moderate, fast	low	moderate	no	>10'	Southwest Europe and northwestern Africa	Large, round-headed tree with dense canopy that produces thick, corky bark; needs good drainage.
Southern live oak <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	evergreen	60	90	fast	moderate	moderate	no	>7'	Southeastern U.S.	Native to the Southeastern U.S.
Soapbark <i>Quillaja saponaria</i>	<i>Quillaja saponaria</i>	evergreen	45	15-25	slow	low	low	no	5 - 10'	Chile	Native to Chile. Famous for the medicinal and commercial use of its inner bark. Rounded canopy with dense foliage.
African sumac <i>Searsia lancea</i>	<i>Searsia lancea</i>	evergreen	20-30	20-35	moderate	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	South Africa	Native to South Africa. Standard small shade tree with strong disease resistance and dense shade.
Japanese pagoda tree <i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>	<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>	deciduous	50-70	40-70	slow, moderate	low	low	no	>10'	Eastern Asia	Native to Eastern Asia. Light and airy spreading canopy provides good shade in summer and beautiful blooms in spring which can cause slipping hazard on hard surfaces.
Silver linden <i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	deciduous	40-60	25-40	slow, moderate	low	moderate	no	>10'	Europe	Native to Europe. Often used as a shade tree and does well in urban environments.
Tipu tree <i>Tipuana tipu</i>	<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	semi-deciduous	30-50	25-50	moderate, fast	moderate	moderate	no	>10'	Bolivia and southern Brazil	Native to Bolivia and Southern Brazil. A light and airy shade tree with lovely bloom in summer.
Elegant water gum <i>Tristaniaopsis laurina</i> 'Elegant'	<i>Tristaniaopsis laurina</i> 'Elegant'	evergreen	20-35	15-30	slow	moderate	low	yes	5 - 10'	Australia	Slow-growing, small tree with dense crown; glossy green, narrow leaves; profuse yellow flowers in late spring or summer.
Emerald Sunshine elm <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> var <i>japonica</i> 'Emerald Sunshine'	<i>Ulmus davidiana</i> var <i>japonica</i> 'Emerald Sunshine'	deciduous	35	25	fast	low	low	yes	5 - 10'	Eastern Asia and Japan	Medium to large, deciduous, vase-shaped; resistant to elm leaf beetle and Dutch elm disease.
City Sprite sawleaf zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'JFS-KW1'	<i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'JFS-KW1'	deciduous	20-25	15-20	fast	moderate	unknown	yes	small (2-3')	Eastern Asia	Native to Eastern Asia. Bullet-proof shade tree that grows well in the urban environment. this cultivar is best for small growing space.
Musashino sawleaf zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Musashino'	<i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Musashino'	deciduous	40-45	10-15	fast	moderate	low	no	5 - 10'	Eastern Asia	Native to Eastern Asia. Grows well in the urban environment. Excellent shade tree for narrow spaces.
Wireless sawleaf zelkova <i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Wireless'	<i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Wireless'	deciduous	20-25	25-35	fast	moderate	unknown	yes	small (2-3')	Eastern Asia	Native to Eastern Asia. Bullet-proof shade tree that grows well in the urban environment. Great shade tree for under powerlines.

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