



# Preferred Species Trees (August - 2017)

## Tree Species Categories

Pursuant to Section 25-10 (*Preferred Species Trees*) of the Belmont Tree Ordinance, preferred species trees include: 1) principal native trees, as defined in the Tree Ordinance; and 2) native or locally acclimated tree species designated as preferred species trees by the City Manager (in consultation with the City Arborist).

An applicant may also request that the City Manager designate a native or locally acclimated tree as a preferred species tree. The City Manager has discretion whether to approve or deny this request. The City Manager’s decision is final.

## Other Criteria

Numerous tree species fall within the broad categories identified above. The City Arborist was consulted to provide further refinements to the list. The trees selected are generally known to:

- Perform well in Belmont
- Have a favorable root structure
- Be more disease and pest resistant

## Preferred Species Trees

The Preferred Species Trees for the City of Belmont are provided in the Tables 1 and 2 below. General information on the approximate tree size at maturity (small, medium and large), and guidance on appropriate planting locations for each size tree is provided after the tables.

**Table 1 – Preferred Species Trees (Principal Native Trees for Belmont)**

Common Name	Size at Maturity
California Buckeye	Medium – Large
Madrone	Medium – Large
Coast Live Oak	Large
Valley Oak	Large
Coast Redwood	Large
California Bay Laurel	Large
Sources: California Native Plant Society Website – <a href="http://calscape.org">Http://calscape.org</a> & City Arborist	



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**Table 2 – Preferred Species Trees (Native & Locally-Acclimated Trees)**

Common Name	Size at Maturity
Creek Dogwood	Small
Hollyleaf Cherry	Small
Standard Photinia	Small
Tristania Laurina	Small
Crape Myrtle	Small
Strawberry Tree	Small
Eastern Redbud	Small
Crabapple	Small
Trident Maple	Small
Saratoga Laurel	Small
Amur Maple	Small
Flowering Plum	Small
Ornamental Pear	Small
Russett Magnolia	Small
Chinese Flame Tree	Small
Blue Elderberry	Small – Medium
Ornamental Pear	Medium
Alder	Medium
Pacific Madrone	Medium
Canyon Live Oak	Medium
Victorian Box	Medium
Chinese Pistache	Medium
Jacaranda	Medium
Holly	Medium
Saucer Magnolia	Medium
Blue Oak	Medium – Large
Monterey Cyprus	Large

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**Table 2 (continued) – Preferred Species Trees (Native & Locally-Acclimated Trees)**

Common Name	Size at Maturity
California Black Oak	Large
Oregon White Oak	Large
London Plane (Columbia)	Large
Douglas Fir	Large
Interior Live Oak	Large
Big Leaf Maple	Large
Ginkgo	Large
Red Flowering Horsechestnut	Large
Atlas Cedar	Large
Deodar Cedar	Large

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### Tree Size & Planting Locations

General information on the approximate tree size at maturity (small, medium and large), and guidance on appropriate planting locations for each size tree is provided below.

#### Small Trees

- 15 to 25 feet tall at maturity
- Appropriate for sites with overhead wires, narrow sidewalks, overhanging buildings or where views need to be preserved
- The planting of small trees puts eye-catching greenery at street level

#### Medium Trees

- 25 to 35 feet at maturity
- Appropriate for sites with no overhead wires and walkways that are wide enough for half the natural spread of the tree
- Medium sized trees create a visual separation between the street and the building



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## Large Trees

- ▶ Over 35 feet at maturity
- ▶ Appropriate for sites with wide areas and no overhead wires
- ▶ Large trees usually create a high, shady canopy over the property and building

**For more information on specific trees click on: <http://selectree.calpoly.edu/>**