

Recommended Trees for Colusa County

Some trees may not be suited to the foothills and mountains of Colusa County.

Trees were recommended by Warren G. Roberts, Superintendent of the UC Davis Arboretum, Emeritus.

Your city may have a different list of street trees.

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DECIDUOUS

Utility Friendly Trees

TRIDENT MAPLE

Acer buergerianum

General Notes



Utility friendly tree. Trident Maple is a very attractive small maple, effective as a lawn specimen, patio or shade tree. It has interesting flaky bark, and has a neat appearance, except for the hanging seeds in the winter. It tolerates most soils, with light to moderate moisture, and is quite dependable once established. It may require regularly scheduled light top-trimming (but not necessarily shearing) of vigorous top shoots to maintain its height below 25'. Native to China and Japan.

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EASTERN REDBUD

Cercis canadensis

General Notes



Utility friendly tree. Eastern Redbud is a commonly used single or multi-trunk tree, effective as a flowering or foliage accent, in lawns or residential garden settings. Leaves are an attractive lemon in fall. It blooms best in full sun, where it receives moderate moisture. Occasional tent caterpillar attacks can be controlled with spraying. Varieties Forest Pansy (Purple-leaved) Texas White (White Flowering) and Silver Cloud (Variegated) forms are available. It may require light top-trimming of vigorous top shoots to maintain its height below 25'. Native to Eastern United States.

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CHINESE FRINGE TREE

Chionanthus retusus

General Notes



Utility friendly tree. Fringe Tree is an unusual small flowering tree with both female and male trees. It is generally most useful in residential lawn and garden settings, where proper culture can be maintained. Its spring flowering is quite impressive, and is attractive in fall, with the reddish berries seen amongst the yellow fall foliage. It is a very clean looking tree. It is easily maintained below 25' in height. Has fragrant flower. Native to China, Korea, and Japan.

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WASHINGTON HAWTHORN

Crataegus phaenopyrum



General Notes

Utility friendly tree. A small flowering accent tree with a more graceful branching habit than other hawthorns. The flowers often attract bees, but the berries in fall provide a showy accent. It is dependable in ordinary soils, with moderate moisture, in full sun. It may suffer from occasional aphids, but is the least susceptible to fire blight of the hawthorns. It is quite hardy. It may require regularly scheduled light top-trimming (but not necessarily shearing) of vigorous top shoots to maintain its height below 25'. Has thorns. Native to Southeastern United States.

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TAIWAN CHERRY

Prunus campanulata

General Notes



Utility friendly tree. One of the most consistently performing cherries. Native to Eastern Asia.

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JAPANESE FLOWERING APRICOT

Prunus mume

General Notes

Utility friendly tree. Can be used as a bonsai plant. 'W.B. Clarke' variety has weeping form and showy pink flowers. Has fragrant flower. Native to Asia.

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Large Trees

EUROPEAN HACKBERRY

Celtis australis

General Notes



Moderate to fast growing deciduous tree. Native to Southern Europe.

A *Celtis australis* in Sacramento Capital Park #159 is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 98 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 147 inches and a crown spread of 70 feet for a total of 263 points.

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HENRY FLAME TREE

Koelreuteria elegans subsp. formosana

General Notes

Less hardy than *Koelreuteria bipinnata*. Has fragrant flower



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EUROPEAN HORNBEAM

Ostrya carpinifolia

General Notes



Deciduous tree growing to 65 feet. Native to Europe.

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CHINESE PISTACHE

Pistacia chinensis

General Notes

Resistant to oak root fungus. Needs good drainage. Cal-IPC (California Invasive Plant Council) lists this plant as unknown invasiveness. Has fragrant leaf. Native to China. Trees may be referred to as male or female.

A *Pistacia chinensis* in Sacramento Capital Park #113 is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 64 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 79 inches and a crown spread of 52 feet for a total of 156 points.

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ORIENTAL PLANE TREE

Platanus orientalis

General Notes

Hardy to 0 degrees F. Native to Mediterranean Region.

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VALLEY OAK

Quercus lobata

General Notes



A massive but graceful tree. Native to California.

A *Quercus lobata* in South of Covelo is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 153 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 339 inches and a crown spread of 99 feet for a total of 516 points.

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ENGLISH OAK

Quercus robur

General Notes



Similar to valley oak but not native to California. Requires a moderate amount of water. Hardy to 10 degrees F. Native to Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia.

A *Quercus robur* in Pleasanton is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 92 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 146 inches and a crown spread of 94 feet for a total of 262 points.

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BALD CYPRESS

Taxodium distichum

General Notes



A versatile tree; typically a wetland tree but can grow in upland areas. Has fragrant fruit. Native to Southeastern United States.

A *Taxodium distichum* in Capital Parkway #173 is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 102 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 133 inches and a crown spread of 40 feet for a total of 245 points.

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MONTEZUMA CYPRESS

Taxodium huegelii

General Notes



Fairly drought tolerant. Needs ample water when young. A graceful tree where severe cold will not damage it. Hardy to 28 degrees F. Has fragrant fruit. Native to South Coastal Texas and Mexico.

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LITTLELEAF LINDEN

Tilia cordata

General Notes



May become chlorotic in alkaline soil. Lemon fall color. Varieties include 'Chancellor', 'Glenleven', 'Greenspire', 'June Bride' and 'Olympic'. Has fragrant flower. Native to Europe and Western Asia.

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SAWLEAF ZELKOVA

Zelkova serrata



General Notes

Somewhat more resistant to Dutch Elm Disease than most elms. 'Musashino' is a very upright cultivar, growing to 45 feet and spreading to only 20 feet. Native to Eastern Asia.

A *Zelkova serrata* in Fremont is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 60 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 107 inches and a crown spread of 74 feet for a total of 185 points.

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EVERGREEN TREES

Utility Friendly Trees

LILY OF THE VALLEY TREE

Crinodendron patagua

General Notes

Utility friendly tree. *Crinodendron hookerianum* is a similar size tree with narrow leaves. Rare. Native to Chile.

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MAJESTIC BEAUTY INDIAN HAWTHORN



Raphiolepis × *'Montic'*

General Notes

Utility friendly tree. Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn is an attractive small evergreen standard or multi-trunk tree-like shrub. Being taller than a *Raphiolepis*, but smaller than an *Eriobotrya*, it is an excellent choice for small courtyards and tight frontages or interior spaces. It is similar in appearance to *Eriobotrya* 'Coppertone', a hybrid between *Eriobotrya* and *Photinia*. The soil must never be kept too wet. It is easily maintained below 25' in height. Has fragrant flower.

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Large Trees

MARINA MADRONE

Arbutus 'Marina'

General Notes



Resistant to oak root fungus.

An *Arbutus unedo* in Santa Ana is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 35 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 122 inches and a crown spread of 46 feet for a total of 169 points.

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DEODAR CEDAR

Cedrus deodara



General Notes

Drought tolerant, although several years of drought has stressed a considerable number to the extent of killing them. A weeping cultivar, 'pendula', can be espaliered. Has fragrant bark and leaf. Native to Eastern Afghanistan, Northern Pakistan, and North-central India.

A *Cedrus deodara* in Sacramento Capital Park is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 98 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 228 inches and a crown spread of 85 feet for a total of 347 points.

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ITALIAN CYPRESS

Cupressus sempervirens

General Notes



Smog tolerant. Very narrow, upright form. Also blue-green variety 'Glauca', and golden leaf variety 'Swane's Golden' Has fragrant leaf. Native to Southern Europe and Western Asia.

A *Cupressus sempervirens* in Orange is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 90 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 154 inches and a crown spread of 38 feet for a total of 254 points.

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CANARY ISLAND PINE

Pinus canariensis

General Notes



Resistant to oak root fungus. Native to Canary Islands of Spain.

A *Pinus canariensis* in Orange is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 82 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 162 inches and a crown spread of 81 feet for a total of 264 points.

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SOUTHERN LIVE OAK

Quercus virginiana

General Notes



Underside of leaf is white. Attractive tree. Best in deep, rich soil, but widely adapted except for high elevations. Native to Southern United States.

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WINDMILL PALM

Trachycarpus fortunei

General Notes



Needs regular watering and good drainage. Has fragrant flower. Native to Central China. Trees may be referred to as male or female.

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SHINY XYLOSMA

Xylosma congestum

General Notes



Flowers and fruit are rarely produced. Good as a large screen, or can be trained as a tree.
Native to China.

A *Xylosma congestum* in Porterville is registered as a California Big Tree. It measures 31 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 50 inches and a crown spread of 35 feet for a total of 90 points.

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