City of Santa Ana
Designated Tree Species

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**Common Name:**  African Sumac  
**Botanical Name:**  Rhus lancea  

Evergreen, informal small to medium, densely rounded tree with moderate growth to 30 feet with a spread of 30 feet. Leaves are 4-5 inches long and 3/8 inches wide with paler undersides. Small cream colored flowers. Yellow or red ¼ inches pea-like fruits are borne in clusters on female trees. No significant pest problems. Can take high summer heat and wind. Drought resistant once established.  

**CATEGORY II**  (SAMC 33-185)  
(4-5 Foot Parkways)  Suitable under utility lines
**Common Name:** Australian Willow

**Botanical Name:** Geijera parviflora

Evergreen tree. Moderate growth of 40 feet with a spread of 20-25 feet. Narrow, light olive green, 3-6 inches long with a slight curvature. Small cream colored flowers in clusters on branchlets from spring to autumn. No significant pest problems. Moderate growth rate with deep noninvasive roots.

**CATEGORY II** *(SAMC 33-185)*

(4-5 Foot Parkways) Suitable under utility lines
Common Name: Bottle Tree
Botanical Name: Brachychiton populneus

Evergreen tree with moderate growth to 50 feet with a spread of 40 feet. Leaves are fluttering, strongly ovate, glossy green 2-3 inches long. Greenish white flowers with red spots inside occur from May to July. Tolerates heat and is drought tolerant. No significant pest problems.

CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: Brisbane Box

Scientific Name: Tristania conferta

Evergreen tree, moderate growth reaching a height of 60 feet or more, with a spread of 40 feet. Moderate to fast growth rate to 30-60 feet. Leaves are 4-6 inches long, oval, leathery, bright green. White to creamy fragrant flowers in clusters of 3-7 in summer. Takes any soil. No significant pest problems. Drought resistant once established.

CATEGORY IV (SAMC 33-185)
(8 Foot or Larger Parkways)
**Common Name:** Camphor

**Botanical Name:** Cinnamomum camphora

Evergreen tree. Slow to moderate growing to 50 feet or more with a spread of 50 feet. Strong structure. Drops leaves in March. Small, fragrant, greenish yellow flowers in May and June. Attractive foliage year round. No significant pest problems.

**CATEGORY IV** (SAMC 33-185)
(8 Foot or Larger Parkways)
**Common Name:** Canary Island Pine

**Botanical Name:** Pinus canariensis

Evergreen tree, fast growing to 60-80 feet with a spread of 30 feet. Grows as a young tree into a slender graceful pyramid. Needles grow 9-12 inches long. Clusters of tiny beige flowers and oblong cones are 4-9 inches in length. Drought tolerant when established. Does well in a variety of soils.

**CATEGORY III** (SAMC 33-185)

(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name:  Chinese Elm

Botanical Name:  Ulmus parvifolia

Evergreen tree. Fast growing tree to 60 feet with a spread of 70 feet. Graceful, long arching, weeping branches to strengthen tree scaffolding. Thick, lanceolate, simple leaves, and clusters of tan colored fruits.

CATEGORY IV  (SAMC 33-185)
(8 Foot or Larger Parkways)
Common Name: Coast Live Oak

Botanical Name: Quercus agrifolia


CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: Crape Myrtle

Botanical Name: Lagerstroemia indica


CATEGORY I (SAMC 33-185)
(2 ½ - 4 Foot Parkways) Suitable under utility lines
Common Name: Gold Medallion

Botanical Name: Cassia leptophylla


CATEGORY IV (SAMC 33-185)
(8 Foot or Larger Parkways)
**Common Name:** Holly Oak

**Botanical Name:** Quercus ilex

Evergreen tree which grows at a moderate rate of 40 to 70 feet high with equal spread. They are glossy, dark green on upper surface, with yellowish or silvery pubescence on underside. Young branchlets have a downy look. Tolerates wind and drought conditions. No significant pest problems.

**CATEGORY III** *(SAMC 33-185)*

*(5-8 Foot Parkways)*
**Common Name:** Honey Locust

**Botanical Name:** Gleditsia ticanthus inermis

Deciduous tree. Medium sized, fast growing to 30 – 40 feet and spreads of 30 feet. New foliage is a deep golden, yellow spring leaves gradually turn green, while more yellow ones continue to develop into midsummer, producing a striking two-tone effect. Slightly drought tolerant when established. No significant pest problems.

**CATEGORY III** *(SAMC 33-185)*

*(5-8 Foot Parkways)*
Common Name: Jacaranda

Botanical Name: Jacaranda mimosifolia


CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: Lavender Bloom

Botanical Name: Tabebuia ipe

Briefly deciduous, usually evergreen. Fast growth of 25-30 feet with a spread almost as wide. Leaves are dark green and smooth. Flowers 2-3 inches long, lavender with a white throat banded yellow. Blooms late winter, sometimes again in late Summer to Fall. No significant pest problems.

CATEGORY II (SAMC 33-185)
(4-5 Foot Parkways) Suitable under utility lines
**Common Name:** Magnolia Samuel Summers

**Botanical Name:** Magnolia grandiflora

Evergreen tree, grows to approximately 30 feet with a spread of 30 feet. Leaves are large, feathery and glossy, with a heavy rusty red felting on the underside. Fragrant white flowers. Trees bloom throughout the summer. Very showy during flowering and fruiting. No significant pest problems.

**CATEGORY III** *(SAMC 33-185)*
*(5-8 Foot Parkways)*
**Common Name:** Modesto Ash

**Botanical Name:** Fraxinus velutina

Deciduous tree. Grows to 50 feet with a spread of 30 feet. Medium green leaflets turn yellow in the fall. Grows fairly fast. Most tolerate hot summers and many types of soils. Chief use is as a street or lawn tree.

**CATEGORY III** *(SAMC 33-185)*
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: New Zealand Christmas Tree

Botanical Name: Metrosideros excelsus

Evergreen trees that grow to 30 feet with a spread of 25 feet. Shrubby and round headed. Flowers a bright red bottlebrush-like flower. The New Zealand summer is the Christmas season where it gets its name. Drought tolerant when mature. No significant pest problems.

CATEGORY II (SAMC 33-185)
(4-5 Foot Parkways) Suitable under utility lines
Common Name: Peppermint tree

Botanical Name: Agonis flexuosa

Evergreen, fast growing tree which grows to 25-30 feet with a spread of 15 to 30 feet. Has narrow willow-like leaves to 6 inches long. Tolerant of all soil types and water practices. Drought tolerant and wind resistant. Leaves smell like peppermint when crushed. No significant pest problems.

CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185) (5-8 Foot Parkways) Suitable under utility lines
**Common Name:** Queen Palm

**Botanical Name:** Arecastrum romanzoffianum

Evergreen tree with feather palm, medium sized, moderate to fast growing to 50 feet with a spread of 20 feet. Many soft, gray-green 10-15 feet long arching fronds. Small cream to yellow flowers turn into hanging clusters of green dates on stalks. Drought tolerant but responds to water and fertilization in well drained soil.

**CATEGORY I** *(SAMC 33-185)*

*(2 ½ - 4 Foot Parkways)*
Common Name: Sycamore Alamo
Scientific Name: Platanus mexicana

Semi Deciduous, moderate to fast growing to 60 feet with a spread of 30-40 feet. Retains its leaves into December. Brown, ball-like bristly seed clusters hang singly or in strings of 2 (rarely 3) on pendent stalks throughout the winter. High tolerance to anthracnose and susceptibility to mildew. When established is drought tolerant.

CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: Sycamore California

Botanical Name: Platanus racemosa

Deciduous tree. Fast growing tree which grows 50 – 70 feet with a spread of 50 feet. Tolerates heat and wind. Grows large maple-like leaves. Drought tolerant but are better with deep watering in summer. Subject to anthracnose.

CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
Common Name: Sycamore London Plane

Botanical Name: Platanus acerifolia

Deciduous, moderate to fast growing tree to 60 feet, with a spread of 30-40 foot. Broad open crown. Glossy, lobed maple-like leaves. Drought tolerant but better with some deep watering in summer. Tolerates most soils.

CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)
(5-8 Foot Parkways)
**Common Name:** Tulip Tree

**Botanical Name:** Liriodendron tulipifera

Semi evergreen tree. Fast growth, 60-80 feet with a spread of 40 feet. A straight columnar trunk with crown that forms a pyramid. Yellow-green leaves that grow 5-6 inches long.

**CATEGORY III (SAMC 33-185)**
(8 Foot or Larger Parkways)