



City of Buellton Planning Department

APPROVED TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING LIST

This Approved Tree and Shrub Planting List is intended to help residents and businesses in Buellton with tree selection for this area. These trees do the best in Buellton's climate zone, which is Zone 15 (*) for most of the area within the City limits. Trees that are not on this list may be considered for planting in Buellton if they are well suited for this climate zone.

(* Source: Sunset Western Garden Book)

Native	Botanical Name	Common Name	Water Use (Plant Factor)	Irrigation Group	D/E	Size	Remarks
	Acacia baileyana	Bailey's Acacia	Low	2	E	S-M	
	Acacia stenophylla	Shoestring Acacia	Low	2	E	M	
L	Aesculus californica	California Buckeye	Very Low	2	D	S-M	
	Albizia julibrissin	Silk Tree	Low	1	D	M-L	
N	Arbutus Marina	Marina Madrone	Low	2	E	M-L	
	Butea capitata	Pindo Palm	Low	1	E	S-M	
	Caesalpinia mexicana and C. gilliesii	Mexican Bird of Paradise and Yellow Bird of Paradise	Low	2	E, D	S	Can be a shrub
	Callistemon citrinus	Lemon Bottlebrush	Low	2	E	S-M	
	Catalpa speciosa	Western Catalpa	Moderate	1	D	M-L	
	Cedrus deodara	Deodar Cedar	Low	2	E	L	
	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Moderate	1	D	M-L	
L	Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud	Low	2	D	S-M	
	Chamaerops humilis	Mediterranean Fan Palm	Low	2	E	S	Tends to form multi-trunk clumps
	Chilopsis linearis + cvs	Desert Willow	Very Low	2	D	S-M	
	Chionanthus retusus	Chinese Fringe	Moderate	1	D	M-L	
	x Chitalpa tashkentensis	Chitalpa	Low	2	D	M-L	
	Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Tree	Moderate	1	E	M-L	
	Cotinus coggygria	Smoke Tree	Low	2	D	S-M	
	Cycas revoluta	Sago Palm	Moderate	1	E	S	Slow growing, long lived
	Eriobotrya deflexa	Bronze Loquat	Moderate	1	E	M-L	
	Geijera parviflora	Australian Willow	Moderate/Low	2	E	M	
	Ginkgo biloba (male clones only)	Maidenhair Tree	Moderate	1	D	L	Too large for most situations, fruit on female trees is smelly
	Grevilliea robusta	Silk Oak	Low	2	D	L	Marginal for our climate
L	Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	Low/Very Low	2	E	S-M	Large shrub, sometimes a small tree

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	Koelreuteria paniculata	Goldenrain Tree	Moderate/Low	1	D	M-L	
	Lagerstroemia indica	Crape Myrtle	Moderate	1	D	S-M	Many colors and size range
N	Laurus nobilis & Saratoga	Sweet Bay	Low	2	E	S-M	
N	Lyonothamnus floribundus	Catalina Ironwood	Low	2	E	M-L	Native to Channel Islands
	Magnolia grandiflora Little Gem or St. Mary	Little Gem or St. Mary Magnolia	Moderate	1	E	S-M	Dwarf Varieties only
	Maytenus boaria	Mayten Tree	Moderate	1	E	M-L	
	Melaleuca quiquenveria	Cajeput Tree	Low	1	E	M	
	Olea europea - FRUITLESS VARIETIES ONLY	Fruitless Olive	Moderate/Low	2	E	M	Use varieties such as 'Wilsoni', 'Swan Hill' or 'Majestic Beauty'
	Parkinsonia species	Palo Verde Tree	Low/Very Low	2	D	M	
	Photinia frazerii	Red Tip	Moderate	1	E	S-M	
	Pinus canariensis	Canary Island Pine	Low	2	E	L/XL	
	Pistachia chinensis (male clones only)	Chinese Pistache	Moderate/Low	1	D	M-L	Should use only male clones such as Keith Davies or Red Push
	Platanus acerifolia	London Plane Tree	Moderate	1	D	L	
L	Platanus racemosa	California Sycamore	Moderate	2	D	L/XL	
	Prosopis species	Mesquite	Low	2	E, D	S/M	Many species, varying in sizes
	Prunus c. Krauter Vesuvius	Purple Leaf Plum	Moderate	1	D	M	
	Prunus c. Purple Pony or other Dwarf Type	Purple Leaf Plum	Moderate	1	D	S-M	
	Prunus caroliniana	Carolina Laurel Cherry	Moderate	1	E	S-M	
	Prunus serrulata	Flowering Cherry	Moderate	1	D	S-M	
	Pyrus kawakamii	Evergreen Pear	Moderate	1	D	M	
L	Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak	Very Low	2	E	M-L	
	Quercus ilex	Holly Oak	Low	2	E	L	Insects can be a problem
	Quercus suber	Cork Oak	Low	2	E	L	
	Quercus virginiana	Southern Live Oak	Moderate	1	D	L	Surface roots are a problem
	Rhus lancea (Searsia lancea)	African Sumac	Low	2	E	S-M	
	Sophora japonica	Japanese Pagoda Tree	Moderate	1	D	M/L	Messy
	Trachycarpus fortunei	Windmill Palm	Moderate/Low	1	E	S-M	
	Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste Tree	Moderate/Low	2	E	S-M	

Key and information for columns:

Native: L = Local, native to California and Santa Ynez Valley
N = Native to California

Botanical Name: This is the genus and species name of the tree, and the name the plant is sold under. It is specific to only one plant.

Common Name: Plants have a more general name they are known by. Unfortunately, common names often apply to more than one plant. A Botanical Name is the name to use when purchasing plant material.

Water Use: Based upon the Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WULCOS) database listed for Buellton at https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/Plant_Search/. It is important to match the water use plant factor of all plants in a given area and zone, for example a planter in a front yard with lower usage ground cover.

Irrigation Group: Describes two different growing patterns based upon when the plant needs water. The selection of tree species should take into account the differences between the two groups, and like other plant material needs to be grouped according to similar water requirements.

1 = Group 1 Plants. Need increased water to replace water lost to evapotranspiration during the summer months. Generally Group 1 plants are not native to the Santa Ynez Valley.

2 = Group 2 Plants. These plants are primarily California natives and plants from Mediterranean areas around the world; they have adapted to their native environment and the lack of summer precipitation. These plants receive their water during the winter season and, during the summer they do not lose as much moisture as plants in Group 1. Some Group 2 plants cannot tolerate additional water during the summer months. In times of severe or long standing drought, supplemental water can be applied to Group 2 plants; even then the amount is less than needed by Group 1 plants.

D/E = Deciduous (D) or Evergreen (E). Some plants have more than one species on this list. In this situation, both D & E may be listed, meaning that some species in the Genus are deciduous and some are evergreen.

Size: Sizes listed are general guidelines and are not absolutes. These figures represent height more than width.

S = under 20 ft;

M = 20 to 40 ft;

L = 40 to 60 ft;

XL = 60 ft and larger

Remarks: While not all inclusive, these comments have additional information on the plant.