

1 **[San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List]**

2 **Resolution adopting the San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List for**
3 **2009.**

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Street Tree Recommendations List was
5 developed to improve coordination of urban forest through the following actions: (1) to
6 reconcile the recommended street tree lists of the two major tree planting organizations,
7 the Department of Public Works and the Friends of the Urban Forest; (2) to increase the
8 diversity of the urban forest by considering new or under utilized street tree species; and
9 (3) to serve as a single source of information to eventually develop materials for public
10 education regarding street tree planting; and

11 WHEREAS, The Street Tree Recommendations List is a collaborative effort
12 between the Urban Forestry Council, Friends of the Urban Forest, and the Department
13 of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry to achieve the three actions listed above; and

14 WHEREAS, The next phase will be to continually make adjustments to the Street
15 Tree Recommendations List based on performance of existing species listed and
16 evaluation of new proposals or introductions and to develop a reference of species
17 characteristics and cultural requirements for the public; and

18 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council at their February 24, 2009 meeting
19 reviewed and adopted the 2009 Street Tree Recommendations List that is attached to
20 this Resolution.

21 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
22 Regular Meeting on February 24, 2009.

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25 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

26 VOTE: Approved (9-0) (Absent: 1) (Vacant: 1)
27 Ayes: Members Blair, Boss, Cohen, D'Agostino, Hillan, Rodgers, Sherk, Short,
28 Vargas
29 Noes: None
Absent: Member LeBeau

San Francisco Street Tree Species List – a collaboration with San Francisco Bureau of Urban Forestry and Friends of the Urban Forest

Disclaimer: These lists contain trees that can work as sidewalk trees in San Francisco. Every planting site has unique conditions. A lot of factors go into choosing a tree. This list can help you decide but should not be used without the help of a tree professional.

List A: Species that perform well in many locations in San Francisco

Arbutus x 'Marina'
Callistemon citrinus
Callistemon viminalis
Cordyline australis
Eriobotrya deflexa
Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold', 'Saratoga'
Lagunaria patersonii
Lophostemon confertus (formerly Tristania conferta)
Magnolia grandiflora 'Sam Sommers,' 'St. Mary,' 'Majestic Beauty,' 'Little Gem'
Melaleuca linarifolia
Melaleuca quinquenervia
Metrosideros excelsus
Olea europaea
Pittosporum undulatum
Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood,' 'Yarwood,'
Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius'
Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'
Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat' or 'Chanticleer'
Pyrus kawakamii
Trachycarpus fortunei
Tristaniopsis laurina
Tristaniopsis laurina 'Elegant'
Ulmus parvifolia
Washingtonia robusta

List B: Species that perform well in certain locations, with special considerations, as noted

Acacia baileyana 'Purpurea' – fast growing, high maintenance
Acer buergeranum – prefers heat, wind protection
Acer rubrum – prefers heat, wind protection
Aesculus carnea – gets windburn easily in summer even in protected sites
Celtis sinensis – prefers heat, wind protection; uneven performer
Ceratonia siliqua – needs large space, good drainage
Corymbia ficifolia – needs lots of sidewalk space
Crataegus phaenopyrum – subject to insect pests, has thorns, possibly susceptible to fireblight
Crataegus laevigata – needs wind protection
Cupaniopsis anacardioides – uneven performer, needs heat, wind protection
Eucalyptus nicholii – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance
Eucalyptus polyanthemos – needs space, fast growing, high maintenance
Geijera parvifolia – prefers heat, wind protection
Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster' – fast growing, prefers heat, wind protection
Hymenosporum flavum – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage, does well when protected from wind
Jacaranda mimosifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage
Koelreuteria paniculata – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection
Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga' – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, gets pests
Leptospermum laevigatum – roots poorly, needs staking for many years, or even permanent metal staking
Liquidambar styraciflua – needs space for canopy and roots
Liriodendron tulipifera – uneven performer, gets pests, prefers heat and wind protection
Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius – prefers heat, wind protection
Magnolia grandiflora 'Russet' – large cultivar, needs space
Maytenus boaria – needs space for roots, produces many suckers
Melaleuca ericifolia – roots poorly, needs staking for many years
Melaleuca styphelioides – prickly and can root poorly
Michelia doltsopa – uneven performer, very slow grower, prefers heat and wind protection
Phoenix dactylifera – needs space due to height and width
Phoenix canariensis – needs space due to height and width
Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey' – prefers heat, wind protection
Pittosporum crassifolium – best for narrow sidewalks in foggy and windy areas. Can leak sap from trunk.
Podocarpus gracilior – gets pests, better as a shrub
Quercus agrifolia – uneven performer, prefers heat, wind protection, good drainage
Quercus suber - needs space, good for medians
Rhus lancea
Syagrus romanzoffianum – needs heat, wind protection
Tilia cordata –needs space, may sucker.

List C: Species that need further evaluation

Acer x freemanii
Brachychiton populneum – prefers heat, wind protection
Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’
Chorisia speciosa – prefers heat, wind protection
Corylus columna, Turkish hazel
Elaeocarpus decipiens
Gingko biloba ‘Princeton Sentry’ – more upright form
Magnolia soulangeana ‘Rustica Rubra’
Michelia champaca – needs wind protection, prefers heat, clay soil
Platanus x acerifolia ‘Columbia’
Pittosporum rhombifolium
Pittosporum eugenioides
Prunus lyonii
Prunus ilicifolia
Quercus frainetto ‘Forest Green’, Italian Oak
Quercus ilex – needs wind protection, sidewalk space, gets powdery mildew
Quercus phellos (Willow oak)
Schinus molle – prefers heat
Sorbus aucuparia (or other species)
Ulmus parvifolia x carpinifolia ‘Frontier’
Ulmus wilsoniana ‘Prospector’
Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana ‘Accolade’
Zelkova serrata – needs space, warmth

