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1	Red Maple	Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'	(Cultivated variety)	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
2	California Buckeye	Aesculus californica	Central California	Very Low	Preferred Residential	Deciduous (loses leaves in summer unless irrigated)	25	20-30	Partial Shade - Full Sun		Dry fruit, leaves, flowers	yes-San Mateo County		
3	Peppermint Tree	Agonis flexuosa	Western Australia	Low	Preferred residential, not recommended street tree	Evergreen	35	15-30	Partial Shade - Full Sun		none noted	not noted in sources reviewed		
4	Strawberry Tree	Arbutus 'Marina'	(Cultivated variety)	Low	Preferred Residential (non-street- oriented)	Evergreen	50	40	Full Sun		Wet Fruit	Probably (close relative of A. unedo)		
5	Pacific Madrone	Arbutus menziesii	Western N America	Low	Preferred Residential (recommend non-street oriented)	Evergreen	65	50	Full Shade - Full Sun		Bark, wet fruit	yes-San Mateo County		

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6	Strawberry Madrone	Arbutus unedo	S. Europe & Ireland	Low	Preferred Residential (non-street- oriented)	Evergreen	35	20-35	Full Shade - Full Sun		Wet Fruit	Yes - (Marin County)		
7	Orchid Tree (Red Bauhinia)	Bauhinia galpinii	Eastern, Southern Africa	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Semi- Deciduous	15	15-May	Partial Shade - Full Sun	3 ft	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
8	Flame Tree	Brachychiton acerifolius	Australia	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Semi- Deciduous	60	30-40	Full Sun	4 ft +	Dry Fruit, leaves, flowers	Not noted in sources reviewed		
9	Bottle Tree	Brachychiton populneus	Australia	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Evergreen	50	30	Full Sun	4 ft +	Dry fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
10	Gold Medallion Tree	Cassia leptophylla	Brazil	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Semi- Deciduous	25	30	Full Sun	3 ft	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
11	River She- Oak	Casuarina cunninghamiana	Australia	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Evergreen	70	30	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft +	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		

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12	Chinese Hackberry	Celtis sinensis	China	Low	Not recommended								aphids, sticky honeydew	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
13	Carob	Ceratonia siliqua	Mediterranean	Low	Experimental Residential, Significant replacement	Evergreen	40	30-40	Partial Shade - Full Sun	n/a	Dry fruit	yes - (Marin County)		,
14	Willow Peppermint	Eucalyptus nicholii		Low	Not recommended								Fire prone (multiple sources)	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
15	Maidenhair (Male tree only)	Ginkgo biloba	(Cultivated variety)	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
16	Kentucky Coffee Tree	Gymnocladus dioicia	Eastern US	Low	Experimental Residential, Significant replacement	Deciduous	100	40-50	Full Sun	n/a	Dry fruit	yes (Oregon State)		
17	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica cvs	(Cultivated variety)	Low	Street tree, Preferred Residential	Deciduous	25	25	Full Sun	3 ft	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		

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18	Primrose Tree	Lagunaria patersonii	S Pacific & Australia	Low	Experimental Street, Preferred residential	Evergreen	50	20	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
19	Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua		Moderate/Medium	Not Recommended								water use, litter - seedpods	
20	Flowering Crabapple	Malus floribunda	Asia	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
21	Mayten tree	Maytenus boaria	Chile	Moderate/Medium	Do not plant								Aggressive root suckers	
22	White Mulberry	Morus alba	Asia	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
23	Olive (fruitless)	Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'	(Cultivated variety)	Very Low	Recommended Street Tree	Evergreen	30	25-30	Partial Shade - Full Sun	3 ft	none noted	Not noted in sources reviewed		
24	Chinese Pistache	Pistacia chinensis	China	Low	Street Tree, Preferred residential	Deciduous	35	25-35	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft	none noted	yes - (Marin County)		

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25	London Plane	Platanus x hispanica (Platanus x acerifolia)	(Cultivated variety-hybrid)	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
26	Catalina cherry	Prunus ilicifolia Iyonii	California Channel Islands	Low	Experimental Residential (non-street oriented)	Evergreen	35	20-30	Partial Shade - Full Sun	3 ft	wet fruit	yes - (San Mateo County)		
27	Flowering Cherry	Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'	(Cultivated variety)	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
28	Aristocrat Pear	Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'	(Cultivated)	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
29	Coast Live Oak	Quercus agrifolia var. agrifolia	Central and Southern California	Very Low	Preferred Residential	evergreen	70	20-70	Partial Shade - Full Sun		Dry fruit (acorns)	yes-San Mateo County		

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30	Blue Oak	Quercus douglassii	Central and Southern California	Very Low	Preferred Residential (non-street oriented)	Deciduous	65	40-50	Partial Shade - Full Sun		Dry fruit (acorns)	not noted in sources reviewed		
31	Oregon White Oak	Quercus garryana	Western North America	Low	Experimental Residential, Significant replacement	Deciduous	90	30-60	Partial Shade - Full Sun	n/a	Dry fruit (acorns)	yes (Oregon State)		
32	Valley Oak aka California White Oak	Quercus lobata	California riparian (rivers)	Low	Preferred Residential	Deciduous	70	50	Partial Shade - Full Sun		Dry fruit (acorns)	yes (San Mateo County)		
33	Cork Oak	Quercus suber	W. Mediterranean, N Africa	Low	Experimental Street, residential, Significant replacement	Evergreen	70	70	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft	Dry fruit (acorns)	Not noted in sources reviewed		
34	Island Oak	Quercus tomentella	California and Mexico	Low	Experimental Residential, Significant replacement	Evergreen	50	25-40	Partial Shade - Full Sun	n/a	none noted	Not noted in sources reviewed		
35	Interior Live Oak	Quercus wislizeni	California	Very Low	Preferred Residential	Evergreen	70	40-80	Partial Shade - Full Sun		Dry fruit (acorns)	not noted in sources reviewed		

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36	Brazilian pepper	Schinus terebinthifolius	Peru	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
37	Sumac	Searsia lancea (Rhus lancea)	South Africa	Low	Not recommended								litter-dry fruit (Selectree)	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.
38	Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens	California	High	Heritage tree not recommended for new plantings								Water use, size	
39	Green Mountain Linden, Silver Linden	Tilia tomentosa	SE Europe, SW Asia	Low	Experimental Street, residential, Significant replacement	Deciduous	50	20-30	Partial Shade - Full Sun	n/a	Dry fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
40	Water Gum, Kanooka	Tristianopsis Iaurina	Australia	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.

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41	Emerald Sunshine elm	Ulmus davidiana var. japonica 'Emerald Sunshine'	(Cultivated variety)	Low	Experimental Street, residential, Significant replacement	Deciduous	35	15-25	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft +	Dry Fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
42	Chinese evergreen elm	Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake'	(Cultivated variety)	Low	Experimental Street, residential, Significant replacement	Semi- Deciduous	45	35-50	Partial Shade - Full Sun	4 ft +	Dry fruit	Not noted in sources reviewed		
43	California Laurel	Umbellularia californica	California	Moderate/Medium	Heritage tree May not be recommended for new plantings								Water use, fire prone (Marin County)	
44	Chitalpa	X Chitalpa tashkentensis	(Hybrid)	Low	Experimental Residential (non-street oriented)	Deciduous	35	30	Partial Shade - Full Sun	3 ft	wet fruit, flowers	Not noted in sources reviewed		
45	Sawleaf Zelkova	Zelkova serrata	Eastern Asia	Moderate/Medium	Not recommended								Water use	Was previously on City's approved tree list but is not recommended anymore.