

Trees With Minimal Problems

This List Can Be Used As A Guide To Select Trees Suitable For Your Particular Situation. Not All Trees Available To Us Are On This List And There May Be Other Trees That Could Be Considered, Depending Upon Your Growing Conditions. Some Trees Were Left Off This List Because They May Get Very Large, Such As Eucalyptus Citridora, Or They May Have Other Problems Like Limbs Dropping As A Grevilla Robusta Is Prone To Do.

We Included Lagerstromia On The List Because It Is A Beautiful Tree Inland, But Along The Coast You May Have Mildew Problems. There Are Many Things To Consider When Selecting The Right Tree For Your Yard. There May Be Other Palms, Sycamore, Ficus And Coral Trees You Might Want To Consider.

Height May Vary According To Water, Fertilizer, Soil Conditions, And Seedling Varieties. Most Of These Trees Will Not Pose A Problem With Sidewalks Or Driveways If Deeply Watered And The Water Can Soak Down Deep. Hard Soil And Shallow Watering Habits Can Cause Surface Rooting On Almost Any Tree, Which May Be A Problem. Root Pruning Can Help Eliminate Problems In These Areas Especially Near Sidewalks And Driveways. There Are Also "Root Barrier" Systems If You Have Concerns. If You Have Any Other Questions, Most Of These Trees Are Listed In "Sunset Western Garden Book" Or Ask One Of Our Professionals. Most Of These Trees Can Be Kept Smaller By Pruning With The Exception Of Palms.

| Tree | Common Name | Avg. Height | Type | Color Bloom |
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| Acacia subperosa | Weeping Acacia | 20'-30' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Acacia baileana | Bailey's Acacia | 20'-35' | Evergreen | Yellow |
| Agonis flexuosa | Peppermint Willow | 20'-25' | Evergreen | Small White |
| Albizzia Julibrissen | Silk Tree | 20'-30' | Deciduous | Pink |
| Aconthophoenix cunningharmania | King Palm | 30'-40'+ | Palm | N.A. |
| Arecastrum/Cocos plumosa | Queen Palm | 40'- 50'+ | Palm | N.A. |
| Bauhinia blakeana | Hong Kong Orchid Tree | 20'-25' | Semi-evergreen | Purple/Pink |
| Bauhinia purpurea/variegata | Orchid Tree | 25'-30' | Semi-evergreen | Pink |
| Betula varieties | Birch Tree | 25'-35' | Deciduous | N.A. |
| Bischoffia javanica | Bischoffia Trifoliata | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Brachychiton acerfolia | Flame Tree | 30'-40' | Evergreen | Red/Orange |
| Brachychiton populens | Bottle Tree | 30'-40' | Evergreen | Cream |
| Brahea edulis | Guadalupe Palm | 25'-35'+ | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Callistemon citrinus | Bottle Brush | 30'-40' | Evergreen | Red |
| Callistemon viminalis | Weeping Bottle Brush | 20'-30' | Evergreen | Red |
| Calodendron capense | Cape Chestnut | 25'-35' | Semi-evergreen | Pink |
| Cassia leptophylla | Gold Medallion Tree | 20'-25' | Evergreen | Yellow |
| Casurina stricta | Beefwood/She-Oak | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Cercis occidentalis | Redbud Tree | 15'-25' | Deciduous | Pink |
| Cercis "Forrest Pansy" | Redbud "Forrest Pansy" | 15'-25' | Deciduous | Pink* |
| Cinamomum camphora | Camphor Tree | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Cupaniopsis anacardioides | Carrot Wood Tree | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Eriobotrya deflexa | Bronze Loquat | 20'-25' | Evergreen | White |
| Eucalyptus erythrocorys | Red Cap Gum | 15'-20' | Evergreen | Yellow/Red |
| Eucalyptus nicholi | Willow Leaf Eucalyptus | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Eucalyptus sideroxlyn rosea | Iron Bark | 30'-50' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Eucalyptus ficifolia | Flowering Eucalyptus | 40'-50' | Evergreen | Pink, White, Red |
| Eucalyptus polyanthemus | Silver Dollar Eucalyptus | 50'-60' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Eucalyptus lehmani | Bushy Yate | 20' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Eucalyptus torquata | Coral Gum | 20' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Geijera parvifolia | Australian Willow | 30'-35' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Ginkgo biloba | Ginkgo or Maiden Hair Tree | 40'-50' | Deciduous | N.A. |
| Jacaranda mimosifolia | Jacaranda | 30'-40' | Deciduous | Blue |
| Koelreuteria bipinata | Chinese Flame Tree | 40'-50' | Deciduous | Yellow |
| Koelreuteriapaniculata | Golden Rain Tree | 20'-25' | Deciduous | Yellow |
| Lagerstromia indica | Crepe Myrtle | 20'-25' | Deciduous | Varies |
| Liquidamber stryaciflua | Sweet Gum | 40'-50' | Deciduous | N.A. |
| Lirodendron tulipifera | Tulip Tree | 40'-60' | Deciduous | Cream |

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| Magnolia grandiflora | Southern Magnolia | 40'-50' | Evergreen | White |
| Magnolia g. "Majestic Beauty" | Magestic Beauty Magnolia | 40'-50' | Evergreen | White |
| Magnolia g. "St. Mary's" | St. Mary Magnolia | 30'-40' | Evergreen | White |
| Magnolia g. "Little Gem" | Little Gem Dwarf Magnolia | 15'-20' | Evergreen | White |
| Meleluca linerifolia | Snow In Summer | 40'-50' | Evergreen | White |
| Meleluca quinquenerva | Paper Bark Tree/Cajeput | 30'-40' | Evergreen | White |
| Metrosideros excelsa | New Zealand Christmas Tree | 30'-35' | Evergreen | Red |
| Michelia champacha | Michelia | 20'-30' | Evergreen | Cream |
| Michelia doltsopa | — | 20'-25' | Evergreen | White |
| Morus alba | Mulberry | 40'-50' | Deciduous | N.A. |
| Myoporum latum | Myoporum | 20'-30' | Evergreen | White |
| Nerium oleander | Oleander Tree | 15'-20' | Evergreen | Many |
| Pinus canarensis | Canary Island Pine | 50'-60' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Pinus halapensis | Italian Stone Pine | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Pinus roxburgii | Chir Pine | 25'-35' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Pinus thunbergia | Japanese Black Pine | 30'-50' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Pistachia chinensis | Chinese Pistachio | 30'-35' | Deciduous | N.A. |
| Pittosporum rhombifolium | — | 20'-30' | Evergreen | N.A.* |
| Pittosporum undulatum | Mock Orange/Victorian Box | 25'-35' | Evergreen | White |
| Podocarpus gracillior | Fern Pine | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Podocarpus henkelii | Long Leaf Yellow Wood | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Pyrus kawakami | Evergreen Pear | 25'-35' | Deciduous | White |
| Quercus ilex | Holly Oak | 30'-40' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Quercus suber | Cork Oak | 40'-50' | Evergreen | N.A. |
| Stenocarpus sinuatus | Fire Wheel Tree | 20'-30' | Evergreen | Red-Orange |
| Tabebuia avellandae (ipe) | Pink Trumpet Tree | 20'-25' | Deciduous | Pink |
| Tabebuia chrysotricha | Golden Trumpet Tree | 20'-25' | Deciduous | Yellow |
| Tipuana tipu | Tipu Tree | 35'-50' | Evergreen | White |
| Tristania conferta | Brisbane Box | 40'-50' | Evergreen | Cream |
| Tristania laurina | Swamp Myrtle | 20'-30' | Evergreen | Yellow |

- Evergreen does not lose its leaves in winter.
- Deciduous loses its leaves in winter.
- Semi-evergreen loses some or most of its leaves in winter.

• Colors noted N.A. – Not applicable or insignificant.

* Sometimes difficult to find, not always available.