

# *Acacia baileyana*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Bailey Acacia

Family: Fabaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 20'-30' tall, 20'-40' wide. Evergreen tree has feathery, finely cut blue-grey foliage. Clusters of fragrant, yellow flowers are borne profusely in early to mid-winter.

Water needs: Little to no water.

Special Features: Very fast grower and very hardy. Caution - allergies to flowers are common.

# *Aesculus californica*



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Common Name: California Buckeye

Family: Hippocastanaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows to 10'-20' tall, 30' or wider. Deciduous tree is often multi-trunked. Leaves are divided into 3"-6" long leaflets. Fragrant, cream colored flower plumes appear in spring, followed by pear-shaped fruits.

Water needs: Low to moderate water.

Special Features: Flowers are poisonous to bees. Drops leaves in summer with little or no water; leaves hold until fall with regular water.

## *Arbutus menziesii*



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Common Name: Madrone

Family: Ericaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows 20'-100' with round head as wide as tall. Evergreen tree has leathery leaves 3"-6" long. In spring, clusters of pinkish bell-shaped flowers appear, followed in fall by clusters of orange to red berries.

Water needs: Little to regular water. Special Features: Smooth, reddish-brown bark peels in thin flakes. Must have fast drainage and non-alkaline water. Established plants need only infrequent, deep watering.

## *Arbutus unedo*

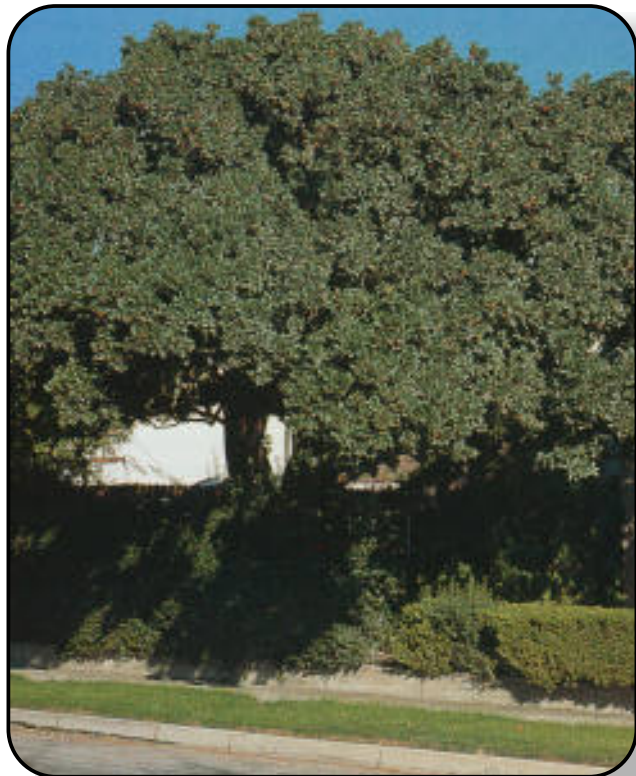


Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Strawberry Tree

Family: Ericaceae

Light: Full sun or partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: Slow to moderate growth to 8'-35' high and wide. Evergreen tree has dark green, red-stemmed leaves. Clusters of white flowers and round yellow, then red fruit appear at the same time in fall and winter. Fruits resemble strawberries.

Water needs: Little to regular water. Special Features: Red-brown shredding bark. Tolerant of a wide range of climates and soils.

## *Calocedrus decurrens*

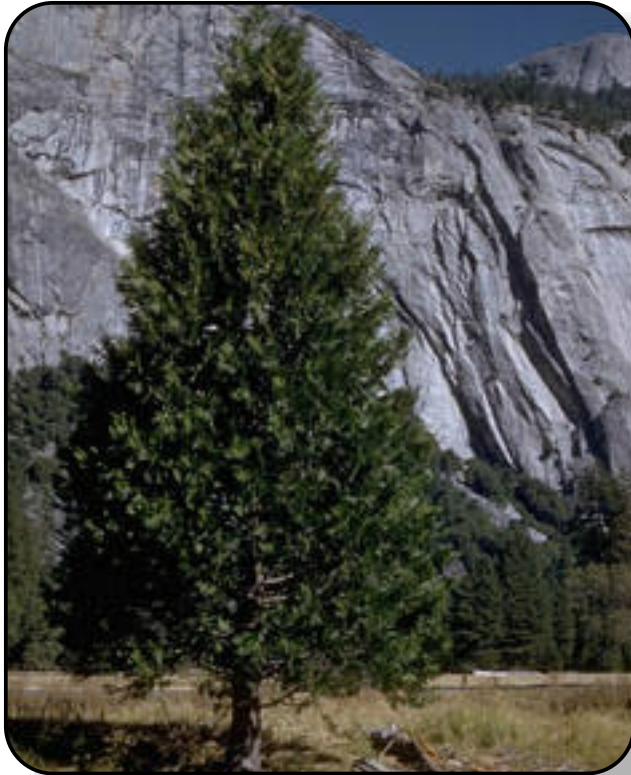


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Common Name: Incense Cedar  
 Family: Cupressaceae  
 Light: Full sun or light shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: Slow, symmetrical growth to 75'-90' tall, 10'-15' wide. Evergreen tree has reddish-brown bark and rich green foliage in flat sprays. Pungent fragrance.  
 Water needs: Moderate to no water.  
 Special Features: Tolerates summer heat and poor soils. No supplemental water needed in zones 2, 4-7, 15-17. Needs no pruning.

## *Cedrus deodara*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Deodar Cedar  
 Family: Pinaceae  
 Light: Full sun.  
 Characteristics of plant: A fast grower to 80' tall, 40' wide. Graceful evergreen tree with greyish-green needles and soft texture.  
 Water needs: Low to moderate water.  
 Special Features: Drought tolerant once established.

## *Cercis occidentalis*



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Common Name: Western Redbud  
 Family: Fabaceae  
 Light: Full sun or light shade.  
 Characteristics of plant: 10'-18' tall and wide. Deciduous small tree or shrub. Blooms profusely in spring with magenta flowers before leafout. Attractive rounded blue-green leaves. Foliage yellow or red in fall.  
 Water needs: Moderate water.  
 Special Features: Resistant to oak root fungus. Very drought tolerant.

## *Chitalpa tashkentensis*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Chitalpa  
 Family: Bignoniaceae  
 Light: Full sun.  
 Characteristics of plant: A deciduous, rapid growing tree to 20'-30' tall and wide, often multi-trunked, with green leaves 4"-5" long, 1" wide. Erect clusters of frilly trumpet-shaped flowers in pink, white or lavender appear from late spring to fall.  
 Water needs: Little to moderate water.  
 Special Features: Very long blooming period.

## *Cupressus forbesii*



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Common Name: Tecate Cypress

Family: Cupressaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A very fast grower to 10'-25' tall and 20' wide. Evergreen tree with green foliage and cherry red bark.

Water needs: Little to moderate water.

Special Features: Drought tolerant once established.

## *Cupressus glabra (arizonica)*



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Arizona Cypress

Family: Cupressaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Grows to 40' tall and 20' wide. An evergreen tree with green to silvery foliage and globular, golf-ball sized cones.

Water needs: Little to moderate water.

Special Features: Drought and heat tolerant.