

Eriobotrya japonica



Photo by: Gordon Courtright

Common Name: Loquat

Family: Rosaceae

Light: Full sun or partial shade.

Characteristics of plant: An ever-green tree that grows 15'-30' tall and wide. Has large (to 12" long, 4" wide) glossy green leaves that are woolly and rust-colored below. Clusters of fragrant white flowers in fall.

Water needs: Moderate to regular supplemental water.

Special Features: Orange or yellow edible fruit ripens in winter or spring.

Ficus carica



Photo by: Bob Perry

Common Name: Edible Fig

Family: Moraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Deciduous tree that grows fairly fast to 15'-30' tall and wide. It has a smooth grey trunk and large, lobed, bright green leaves.

Water needs: Low to regular water.

Special Features: Very ornamental, generally fruits twice a year.

Fraxinus velutina



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Common Name: Arizona Ash

Family: Oleaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A deciduous tree generally 30'-50' tall.

Pyramidal when young, 30'-40' wide at maturity. Leaves divided into 3-5 leaflets, turn bright yellow in fall.

Water needs: Low to regular supplemental water.

Ginkgo biloba



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Common Name: Maidenhair Tree

Family: Ginkgoaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A deciduous tree generally 30'-50' tall, 15'-35' wide. It has light green fan-shaped leaves which turn gold in fall.

Water needs: Moderate to regular supplemental water.

Special Features: Resistant to oak root fungus. Not bothered by insects or disease. Tolerant of adverse conditions.

Juglans hindsii



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Common Name: California Black Walnut

Family: Juglandaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: A large deciduous tree which grows 30'-60' tall and wide. Single trunk, leaves divided into 9-19 leaflets.

Water needs: No supplemental water.

Special Features: Resistant to oak root fungus. Difficult to garden under.

Lagerstroemia indica



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Common Name: Crape Myrtle

Family: Lythraceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Deciduous tree grows to 25' tall and wide. Has dark green leaves 1"-2 1/2" long.

Dense clusters of crinkly crape-like flowers appear in summer, ranging from white to pink to purple.

Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.

Special Features: Leaves are yellow, orange or red in fall. Blooms on new wood, so prune in winter or early spring. Best in areas with hot summers.

Laurus nobilis



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Common Name: Grecian Bay
Family: Lauraceae
Light: Full sun to partial shade.
Characteristics of plant: A multi-stemmed evergreen tree that grows slowly to 12'-40' tall and wide.
Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.
Special Features: Leathery, aromatic leaves used in cooking. Clusters of very small yellow flowers in spring are followed by dark fruit.

Lithocarpus densiflorus



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Common Name: Tanbark Oak
Family: Fagaceae
Light: Full sun to light shade.
Characteristics of plant: An evergreen tree that grows to 40'-80' tall, 30'-50' wide. It has leathery, toothed leaves.
Water needs: Moderate to no supplemental water.
Special Features: Susceptible to sudden oak death syndrome.

Lyonothamnus floribundus *asplenifolius*



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Common Name: Catalina Ironwood
Family: Rosaceae
Light: Full sun.
Characteristics of plant: A moderate growing evergreen tree to 20'-35' tall and 15' wide. It has notched green leaves and reddish bark. Blooms in late spring with clusters of white flowers.
Water needs: Moderate supplemental water.
Special Features: Needs excellent drainage. Easiest to grow near the coast.

Olea europaea



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Common Name: European Olive
Family: Oleaceae
Light: Full sun.
Characteristics of plant: A slow growing evergreen tree to 25'-30' tall and wide. Has willow-like grey-green foliage. Single or multi-trunked.
Water needs: Low to moderate supplemental water.
Special Features: Olives thrive in areas with hot, dry summers. Fruiting and non-fruiting varieties are available.

Pinus coulteri

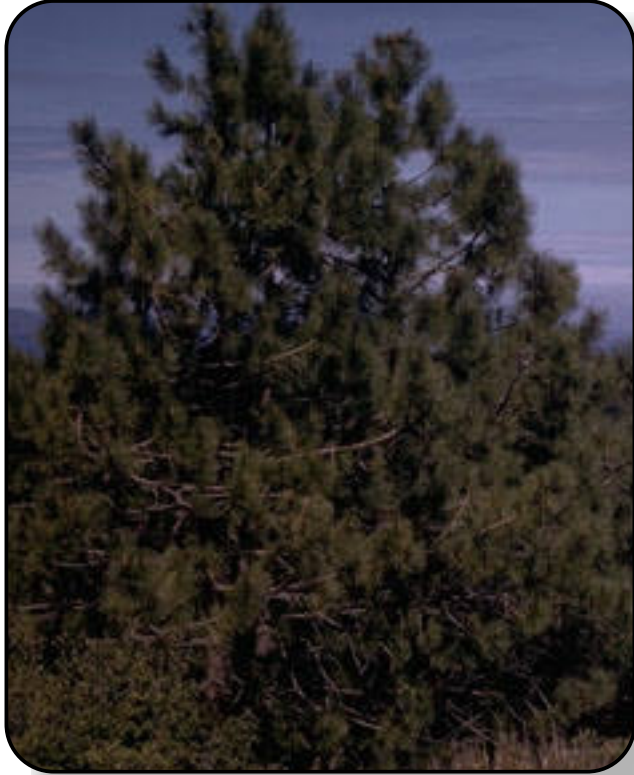


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Common Name: Coulter Pine

Family: Pinaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Moderate to fast growing evergreen tree, grows to 30'-80' tall, 20'-40' wide. Has shapely, open growth, with deep green needles and large heavy cones.

Water needs: Little supplemental water.

Special Features: Drought tolerant. Well-drained soil is essential.

Pinus sabiniana



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Common Name: Gray Pine

Family: Pinaceae

Light: Full sun.

Characteristics of plant: Moderate growing evergreen tree grows to 40'-80' tall, 30'-50' wide. Trunks are usually forked. Shape can be irregular to round-headed. Grey-green needles and fairly large cones. Crown is lacy, offering little shade.

Water needs: Little or no supplemental water.

Special Features: Drought tolerant. Well-drained soil is essential.