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Significant Tree Replacement List

The trees on this list are recommended for planting in Santa Cruz County. However, each species has different soil and water requirements. To find out which species is best suited for your property, talk with a local nursery or an arborist.

Tall and Broad

Acer macrophyllum (Bigleaf Maple)
Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Castanospermum australe (Moreton Bay Chestnut)
Cedrus deodora (Deodar Cedar)
Cinnamomum camphora (Camphor Tree)
Cupressus macrocarpa (Monterey Cypress)
Metasequoia glyptostroboides (Dawn Redwood)
Pinus pinea (Italian Stone Pine)
Pinus radiata (Monterey Pine)
Pinus torreyana (Torrey Pine)
Platanus acerifolia "Yarwood" (London Plane)
Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak)
Quercus chrysolepis (Gold Cup Oak)
Quercus douglasii (Blue Oak)
Quercus garryana (Oregon White Oak)
Quercus ilex (Holly Oak)
Quercus kelloggii (Black Oak)
Quercus suber (Cork Oak)
Quercus virginiana (Southern Live Oak)
Zelkova serrata (Sawleaf Zelkova)

Tall with Average Spread

Calocedrus decurrens (Incense Cedar)
Carpinus betulus (European Hornbeam)
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata' (European Hornbeam)
Eleocarpus decipiens (Japanese Blueberry Tree)
Eucalyptus polyanthemus (Silver Dollar Gum)
Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)
Lyonothamus floribundus (Catalina Ironwood)
Nyssa sylvatica (Sour Gum)
Pinus coulter (Coulter Pine)
Pinus pinaster (Cluster Pine)
Quercus coccinea (Scarlet Oak)
Sequoia sempervirens (Coast Redwood)

Tsuga Canadensis (Canada Hemlock)

Umbellularia californica (California Bay)

Tall with Narrow Spread

Abies bracteata (Santa Lucia Fir)
Catalpa speciosa (Western Catalpa)
Chamaecyparis obtusa (Hinoki False Cypress)
Eucalyptus rudis (Flooded Gum)
Lithocarpus densiflora (Tanbark Oak)
Pinus canariensis (Canary Island Pine)
Pinus sylvestris (Scotch Pine)

Medium Height and Broad

Schinus molle (California Pepper Tree)
Ulmus parvifolia 'Brea' (Chinese Elm)
Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake' (Chinese Elm)

Medium Height with Medium Spread

Aesculus californica (California Buckeye)
Jacaranda mimosifolia (Blue Jacaranda)

Other Trees of Varying Heights and Spreads

Catalpa
Cedrus (Cedar)
Larix (Larch)
Liquidambar (Sweet Gum)
Quercus (Oak)
Picea (Spruce)
Pinus (Pine)
Platanus (Plane Tree, Sycamore)

Tall: Over 40 feet

Medium Height: 20-40 feet

Broad: Over 40 feet

Average Spread: 20-40 feet

Narrow Spread: Under 20 feet