

Quick Break

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Your California Tree Failure Report Program E-Newsletter

CTFRP Cooperators and Friends,

I was recently asked "What will the next failure profile be?" Well, for that we need some more data. The last one we published on Italian Stone Pine was on the basis of 170 reports. That's certainly a minimum number....lots more would be better. The following is a list of the species for which we have over 100 reports:

- liquidambar 154
- Modesto Ash 141
- CA black oak 130
- coast redwood 117
- red ironbark 108
- blackwood acacia 106

Let's start with Liquidambar styraciflua, American sweet gum. We know that this species is commonly distributed all over the state. Of the 154 failures reported so far, 139 are from northern California locations and 15 are from southern California. 66% of all the reports are branch failures.

A recent street tree inventory in San Diego (from draft Urban Forest Management Plan 1/15/16) reported that there are 6,177 liquidambar along the city streets. How are they failing in southern California? Are there differences in pruning, maintenance or weather that contribute to the failures? We want to know!

We trained 43 new cooperators this year. Thank you all for attending the training sessions and we look forward to receiving your reports. El Nino isn't over yet! Remember, just one report from the rest of of you would make 2016 a great reporting year.

We wish to thank the excellent speakers at our annual meetings in Woodside and Fullerton. Some of the presentations will be on the CTFRP website soon.

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