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### SUGGESTED TREES FOR YOLO COUNTY

The trees on this list have been selected because they grow well in our climate and are suitable to our local soils and water. They have few serious insect and disease problems; they are easy to maintain and are not messy. Most have other good attributes such as flowers, fall color, beautiful structure, attractive bark, etc. They are generally easy to find as well. The height and width are approximate for 20 year-old trees. If a tree you are considering is not referenced, there is probably a good reason it did not make the list.

#### DECIDUOUS

<i>Celtis australis</i>	European hackberry; 65' by 30'; fast growing for quick shade. Drought tolerant.
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern redbud; 16' by 16'; pink flowers in early spring; persistent pods. Best with part shade in afternoon.
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert willow; select non-fruiting forms only such as 'Timeless Beauty', 'Art's Seedless' and 'Lois Adams'; 25'; upright habit; pink and purple trumpet shaped flowers all summer. Drought tolerant.
<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	Chinese fringe tree; 18' by 15'; pure white flowers in spring, olive-like fruit. Grows best in sunny location with well-drained soil.
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington hawthorn; 20' by 15'; white flowers, red berries, fall color; resists fireblight; o.k. in lawns.
<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i>	Formosan flame tree; 30' by 30'; yellow flowers, spectacular red pods in fall; o.k. in lawns. Availability limited.
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> hybrids	Hybrid crape myrtle; 18' by 15'; varies; most are tree-like; all are mildew resistant. Beautiful bark, good fall color; all have colorful flowers in summer.
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	European hop hornbeam; 30' by 25'; hoplike fruits in spring; o.k. in lawns.
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese pistache; 35' by 30'; vibrant fall colors, good heat and drought tolerance. Susceptible to verticillium wilt in poorly drained situations.
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak; 40' by 30'; Yolo County's largest native tree. Drought tolerant.
<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	Blue oak, 25' by 35'; Yolo Co. hillside native. Very drought-tolerant.
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald cypress; 38' by 18'. Good in lawns.
<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Sawleaf zelkova; 30' by 30'; fast growing for shade, nice fall color. Resistant to Dutch Elm disease.

## EVERGREENS

<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	Hybrid strawberry tree; 18' by 18'; pink flowers; few red fruit, orange bark; needs good drainage. Drought tolerant.
<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Deodar cedar; 50' by 30'; graceful blue-green tree.
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian cypress; 40' by 8'; 'Swane's Golden' has yellow-green new foliage. Drought tolerant.
<i>Elaeocarpus decipiens</i>	Japanese blueberry tree; 30' by 20'; fragrant flowers, blue fruits, leaves turn red before falling.
<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	Canary Island pine; 50' by 30'; graceful long needles.
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Southern live oak; 28' by 36'; o.k.in lawns.
<i>Rhaphiolepis 'Montic'</i>	Majestic Beauty™ raphiolepis; 18' by 15'; pink flowers. Prefers some afternoon shade.
<i>Trachycarpus species</i>	Windmill palm; 15' by 6'; dark green leaves.
<i>Xylosma congestum</i>	Xylosma; 20' by 20'; tiny fragrant flowers, shiny leaves. Tolerates part shade and full sun.

## RESOURCES

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Planting Landscape Trees. UC Publication 8046. [anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu](http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu), order line: (800) 994-8849

Quality Nursery Tree Selection <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5253/16795.pdf>

Tree Staking <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5253/16819.pdf>

Tree Pruning <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5253/16799.pdf>

Training Young Trees for Structure and Form <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5253/16796.pdf>

Trees and Utilities <http://ucanr.edu/sites/mgfresno/files/42044.pdf>

Oaks in the Urban Landscape, UC Publication 3518. [anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu](http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu), order line: (800) 994-8849

Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs, UC Publication 3359. [anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu](http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu), order line: (800) 994-8849

UC Integrated Pest Management. [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu)

Tree Davis, [www.treedavis.org](http://www.treedavis.org), (530) 758-7337

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