Climate Forward Trees for City of Santa Rosa

Species	Common Name	Mature Size (Height x Width)	Sun / Shade	Deciduous / Evergreen	Notes
Aesculus californica	California buckeye	M: 15'-40' x 20'-40'	S	D	Native with showy creamy white flowers in spring. Summer deciduous without supplemental irrigation. Allergenic. Honeybee toxic but supports native bees.
Arbutus 'Marina'	Marina strawberry tree	M: 30'-50' x 30'-40'	S/A/P	E	Handsome tree known for notable reddish peeling bark and orange berries.
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry tree	S: 8'-20' x 8'-20'	S/A/P	E	Attractive pendulous clusters of flowers in mid to late winter. Edible fruit persists year round. May require pruning to establish/maintain tree shape.
Arctostaphylos manzanita 'Dr. Hurd'	Dr. Hurd manzanita	S: 12'-16' x 10'-15'	S/A/P	E	Local native noted for striking mahogany bark and winter bloom. Slow growing.
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'	Ray Hartman ceanothus	S: 20' x 15'-20'	S/A/P	E	Native noted for blue spring bloom. Purchase as tree form.
Cercis occidentalis	Western redbud	S: 10'-20' x10'-20'	S/A/P	D	Native noted for deep pink spring bloom. Slow growing. Seed pods held in winter.
Chilopsis linearis	Desert willow	S: 15'-25' x 10'-20'	S	D	Noted for fragrant, showy flowers spring and summer. Holds foliage with occasional summer irrigation. Attracts birds. Select named variety for flower color.
Diospyros kaki	Persimmon	S: 20'-30' x 20'-30'	S	D	Heavily fruiting tree with outstanding fall color.
Fraxinus dipetala	California ash	S: 25' x 20'	S/A/P	D	This native has small white fragrant flowers. Requires pruning to shape when tree is young. Allergenic.
Lagerstroemia indica	Crape myrtle	S: 15'-25' x 25'	S	D	Noted for summer flowers and fall color. Attractive bark when mature. Purchase when in flower for desired color. Suckers from base.
Laurus 'Saratoga'	Saratoga laurel	S: 20'-30' x 15'-25'	S/A/P	E	Small growing bay tree. Leaves used for culinary purposes.
Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp asplenifolius	Catalina ironwood	M: 20'-40' x 15'-20'	S/A/P	E	California native with unique notched linear leaves. Slow growing. Needs excellent drainage, loam or sand. May suffer chlorosis in heavy soil. Retains dead flowers, bark peels, fruit litter.
Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'	Swan Hill olive	S: 15'-25' x 15'-20'	s	Е	Gray-green foliage. This is the only truly fruitless variety.
Parkinsonia florida (Cercidium floridum)	Blue palo verde	S: 25'-30' x 15'-20'	s	D	Wide canopy with greenish bark and pale yellow flower. Has thorns. Attracts birds. Summer leaf drop during extreme heat. Will not survive extended frost. Little pruning needed.

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Parkinsonia microphylla (Cercidium)	Little leaf palo verde	S: 20'-30'x 20'-30'	S	D	Wide canopy with greenish bark and pale yellow flower. Summer leaf drop during extreme heat. Will not survive extended frost. High pest tolerance. Little pruning needed.
Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey'	Chinese pistache	M: 35' x 35'	S	D	Known for fall color and as replacement for maple. Prefer male cultivar for lower maintenance and no pollen production.
Prunus caroliniana	Carolina laurel cherry	S: 20'-30' x 15'-25'	S/A/P	E	Small fragrant white flowers attract bees. Some pruning needed to maintain shape.
Prunus ilicifolia	Holly leaf cherry	S: 10'-30' x 10'-25'	S/A/P	E	California native. Large clusters of cream colored flowers in the spring. Purchase in tree form. Notable sub species 'Lyonii'. Consider sunburn protection of trunk.
Punica granatum	Pomegranate	S: 20' x15'	S/A/P	D	Fruiting tree with beautiful fall foliage. Prune when young for strength. Needs heat for enhanced fruit flavor. Long blooming season.
Quercus agrifolia	Coast live oak	L: 35'-60' x 40'-70'	S	E	One of the best local natives for large properties. Plant in non- irrigated area away from structures. Susceptible to Sudden Oak Death.
Quercus douglasii	Blue oak	L: 30'-50' x 40'-70'	S/A/P	E	Very slow growing local native with blue tinted foliage. Not susceptible to Sudden Oak Death.
Quercus kelloggii	Black oak	L: 30'-70' x 30'-50'	S/A/P	D	Slow growing native with beautiful spring foliage. Large acorns. Susceptible to Sudden Oak Death.
Quercus lobata	Valley oak	L: 70' x 70'	S	D	One of the best local natives for large properties. Plant in non- irrigated area away from structures. Not susceptible to Sudden Oak Death.
Quercus suber	Cork oak	L: 30'-60' x 30'-60'	S	E	Non-native oak with unique bark characteristics. Tolerates various soils but needs good drainage.
Rhaphiolepis x 'Montic'	Majestic Beauty Indian hawthorne	S: 25' x 10'	S/A/P	E	Notable for numerous light pink flowers over a long blooming period. Tolerates high heat. Slow grower. Buy in tree form.
Ulmus 'Frontier'	Frontier elm	M: 30'-40' x 20'-30'	S	semi-SD	Good fall color. Noted for beautiful mottled bark. Fast growing. Good resistance to Dutch elm disease.
Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake'	Chinese elm	L: 45' x 35'-50'	S	semi-SD	Beautiful tree with weeping habit. Grows best with occasional summer irrigation. Moderate maintenance/pruning required.
x Chitalpa tashkentensis 'Pink Dawn'	Chitalpa	S: 15'- 30' x 15'-30'	s	D	Notable for beautiful pink trumpet-shaped flowers. Long flowering season.

Legend Sun/Shade: S = full sun, A = afternoon shade, P = part shade