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35,000 users per month visit the website





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90% of users from North America 90% of those from California



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Images linked from tree records. Taken in cities, gardens and arboretums.



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# Allergy risk, Fire potential, **Biogenic emissions**

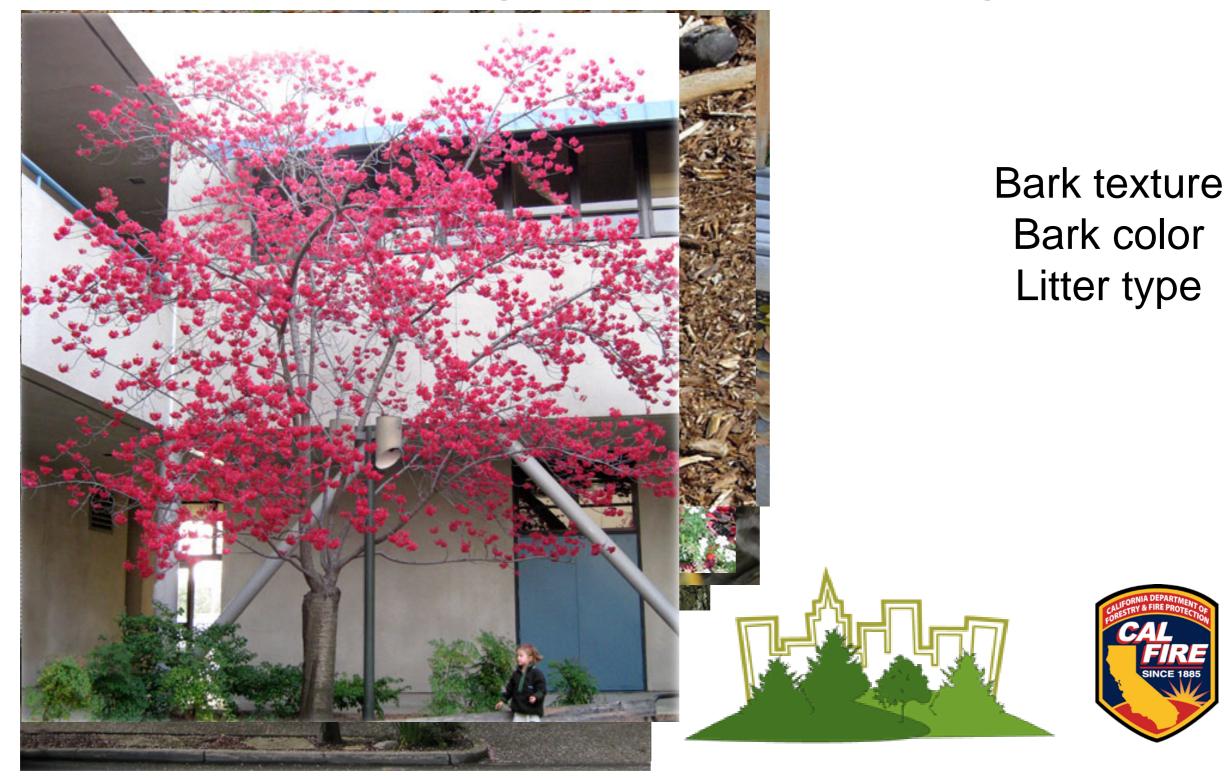
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- Name and Characteristic Search



Acer campestre

- palmate leaves
  - winged seed





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- Name synonymy



Tristania conferta = ✓ Lophostemon confertus





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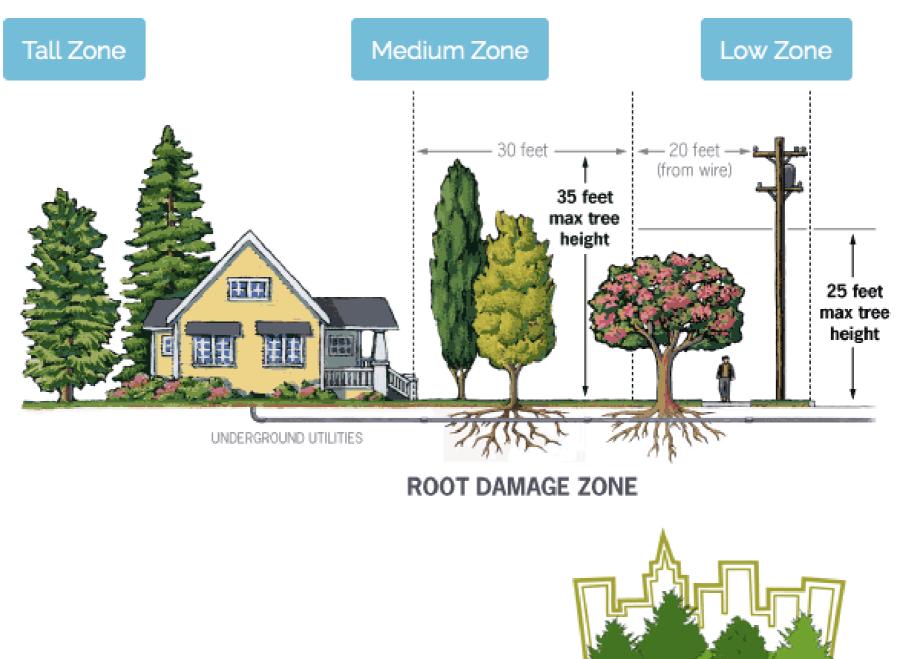
Cupressus macrocarpa = ✓ Hesperocyperis macrocarpa





### SelecTree: Utility Precautions

Select the Tree Zone (distance from electrical wire) that represents your planting site.





### **SelecTree: A Tree Selection Guide**

Search for trees Enter a tree name Search 3 trees found Hesperocyparis macrocarpa MONTEREY CYPRESS Good wind screen in coastal areas. Develops a U wind-sculptured form. Becomes ... Pseudotsuga macrocarpa BIGCONE DOUGLAS-FIR BURR OAK Quercus macrocarpa Large acorns form in mossy cups...

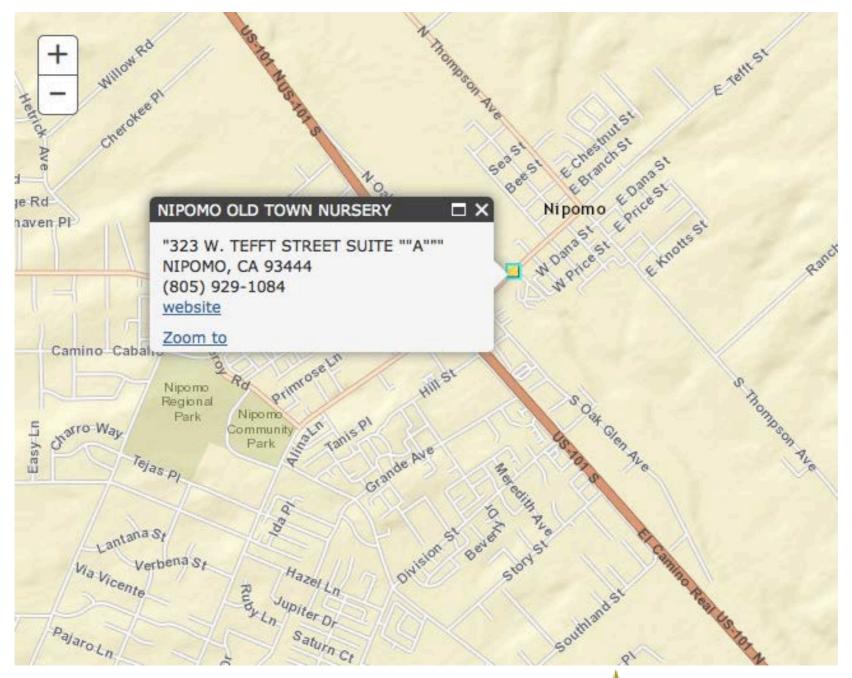
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#### Urban Tree KEY

Search for Species

Welcome to the Urban Tree Key, a resource for identifying the 250 most common urban tree species in California!

When you're trying to identify a particular tree, answer each question as best as you can based on the descriptions and photographs. Eventually, you'll come to a list of possible species and a few characteristics for each that distinguish it from the rest; there are photos to illustrate those differences.

Examine your specimen to see which of the distinguishing characteristics it has. Confirm (or reject) your selection by clicking on the species name and checking out the full description.

Once you know your way around, you can use the Overview link to see the whole Tree Key to save some time.

Use the Contact Us link to make a suggestion or ask a question.

#### Get Started

#### What kind of leaves does the tree have?



Palm fronds



Palm-like, sword-shaped fronds









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Get Started / Palm

### What shape are the palm fronds?



Palmate (fan)



Pinnate (Feather)



**Bipinnate** (Fishtail)





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### Is the trunk smooth or hairy?



Smooth trunk









#### QUrban Tree KEY Overview Conta

Search for Species

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#### Mediterranean Fan Palm

Chamaerops humilis

- Petioles toothed
- · Flowers yellow, tightly clustered, erect
- · Height up to 20 ft, usually multi-trunked





#### **Chinese Windmill Palm**

Trachycarpus fortunei

- Petioles smooth
- · Flowers yellow, tightly clustered, hang down
- Height up to 35 ft; always one trunk

















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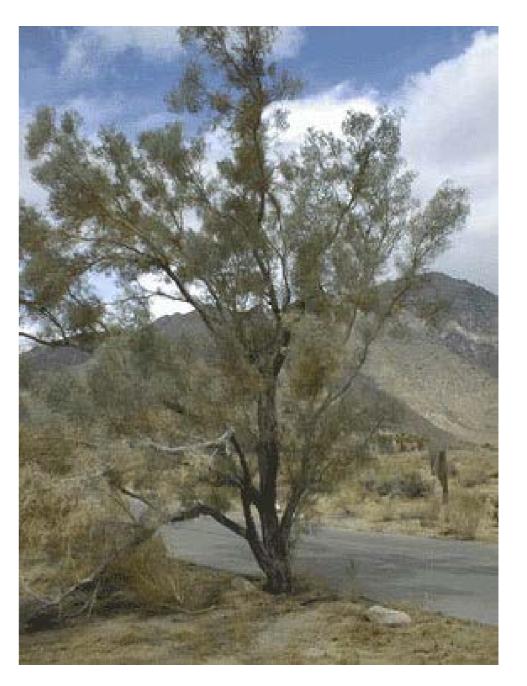
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# **CA Big Tree Registry**

- Records for the largest individual of each native and naturalized tree species growing in California
- 334 CA Big Tree listings
- 132 National Champions
- 39 Co-Champions.
- Points Formula
  - Trunk circumference in inches + Height in feet + 1/4 of the crown spread in feet = Total Points



Smoke Tree Psorothamnus spinosus 68 Points

# S. giganteum - Giant Sequoia

# 1312 Points

# Q. chrysolepis - Canyon Live Oak



# **Cephalanthus occidentalis - Buttonbush**

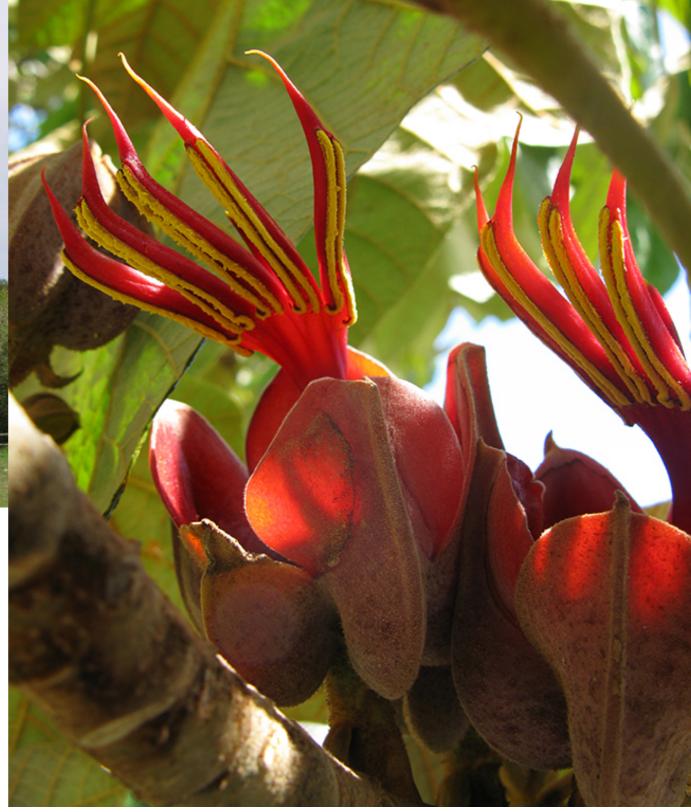


## Dracaena Draco 44 ft tall





### Devil's Hand Tree 59 ft tall







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Avoid Utilities, Fire Hazards, and Root Damage



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Tangible benefits of green infrastructure. Market development of urban wood. Urban forests generate resources of raw material from trimmings and removals - "urbanwood."

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Businesses that play a role in the urban or reclaimed wood industry, are listed here. You can add or edit your organization information in the directory.



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