



Petaluma Plant Palette

Recommended native trees and shrubs
for our town's urban forest



Petaluma Native Trees and Shrubs: Why and How

Like the colors in a painter's palette, our tree lists give you a variety of plant choices to "paint" your natural landscape. Do you need a shade tree for your front yard? Trees suitable for planting near power lines? Perhaps you want tall shrubs for your property line or back fence, a background for smaller shrubs, or a focal point with vivid flower color.

When you plant native trees and shrubs, you are providing a very valuable natural resource for our city. Trees yield many benefits; they cool their surroundings by as much as 10°, reduce greenhouse gas, air and water pollution, and store water to slow runoff. They promote biodiversity, not to mention the psychological and economic benefits of their beauty.

ReLeaf Petaluma's Tree Stewards will be happy to help with your siting and selection questions: releafpetaluma@gmail.com

Or ask one of our local Allied Organizations:



RESILIENT LANDSCAPE COALITION

Habitat Corridor Project | Sonoma Ecology Center

The UC Master Gardener Program of Sonoma County | FireSafe Sonoma

Type 1 Canopy Shade Trees

Big Leaf Maple *Acer macrophyllum* ●

Black Oak *Quercus kelloggii*

Blue Oak *Quercus douglasii*

California Buckeye *Aesculus californica*

Coast Live Oak *Quercus agrifolia*

Cottonwood *Populus fremontii* ●

Interior Live Oak *Quercus wislizeni*

Oregon White Oak *Quercus garryana*

● Wet Tolerant



Oregon Ash *Fraxinus latifolia*

Red Alder *Alnus rubra* ●

Shreve Oak *Quercus parvula var. shrevei*

Valley Oak *Quercus lobata*

Western Black Walnut *Juglans Hindsii*

White Alder *Alnus rhombifolia* ●

Type 2 Smaller Trees

Box Elder *Acer negundo* *flamingo* •

Hollyleaf Cherry *Prunus ilicifolia*

Hazelnut *Corylus cornuta* *californica*

Madrone *Arbutus menziesii* •

Toyon *Heteromelus arbutifolia*

Western Redbud *Cercis occidentale*



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Type 3 Shrubs 1 of 2

Blue Elderberry *Sambucus caerulea*

Black Elderberry *Sambucus nigra*

Brown Dogwood *Cornus glabrata*

CA Lilac *Ceanothus* (*rayhartman*,
juliaphelps, *darkstar*, and others)

Canyon Gooseberry *Ribes menziesii*

Coffeeberry *Rhamnus californica*

Coyote Bush *Baccharis pilularis consanguinea*

Flannel Bush *Fremontodendron californicum*



Flowering Currant *Ribes sanguineum*

Hazlenut *Corylus cornuta californica*

Manzanita *Arctostaphylos*

Mock Orange *Philadelphus lewisii* ●

Mountain Mahogany *Cercocarpus betylides*

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Type 3 Shrubs 2 of 2

Pacific Ninebark *Physocarpus capitatus*

Pacific Dogwood *Cornus nuttali*

Red Osier Dogwood *Cornus seracea*

Common Snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus*

Snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus*

Creeping Snowberry *Symphoricarpos mollis*

Scrub Oak *Quercus berberidifolia*

Serviceberry *Amelanchier utahensis*

Common Viburnum *Viburnum elipticum*



Western Chinquapin *Chrysolepis chrysophyllum*

Western Spice Bush *Calicanthus occidentalis*

Wax Myrtle *Morella californica*

Coyote Bush *Baccharis pilularis*

Where to Buy Your Plants

- Click on any of the recommended plants to go to [Calscape.org](https://www.calscape.org) and find mapping of nurseries in our area that usually carry that plant.
- Some of the recommended plants may be found at local Petaluma nurseries and garden centers such as [Harmony Farm](#) and [Friedmans](#). There is wider availability at [Urban Tree Farm](#) and [Cal Flora](#) near Santa Rosa.
- Call ahead for availability. For help siting or funding your tree or shrub, contact us via email at releafpetaluma@gmail.com
- To donate to ReLeafPetaluma to fund trees for others, go to our web site <https://www.releafpetaluma.org/take-action>