

Disclaimer: These lists contain trees that can work as sidewalk trees in San Francisco. Every planting site has unique conditions. A lot of factors go into choosing a tree. This list can help you decide but should not be used without the help of a tree professional.

Species that have low to moderate maintenance requirements and grow well in many of San Francisco's microclimates, soils, and sidewalk situations.

Small Evergreen			
Arbutus x 'Marina'		fruit drop note	A!
Callistemon citrinus	now known as Melaleuca citrina	low, wide canopy	B!
Callistemon viminalis	now known as Melaleuca viminalis		A!
Cordyline australis		needs a large basin, moist nat areas	B!
Eriobotrya deflexa		some say should stay on A, some feel should move to B	B?
Magnolia grandiflora	'St. Mary,' 'Little Gem'		A!
Pyrus kawakamii		some say should stay on A, some feel should move to B	B?
Tristaniopsis laurina			A!
Tristaniopsis laurina	'Elegant'	some say should stay on A, some feel should move to B	A?
Small Deciduous			
Prunus cerasifera	'Krauter Vesuvius'		B!
Prunus serrulata	'Kwanzan'		A!
Pyrus calleryana	'Chanticleer'		B?
Medium Evergreen			
Melaleuca linarifolia			A!
Melaleuca quinquenervia		upper end of mod pruning, wind, sandy soil	B!
Metrosideros excelsus		needs a very large basin/wide sidewalk	B!
Olea europaea			B?
Medium Deciduous			
Pyrus calleryana	'New Bradford'		B?
Tall Evergreen			
Lagunaria patersonii			A!
Lophostemon confertus	(formerly Tristania conferta)	very fast, upper end of mod pruning	A!
Magnolia grandiflora	'Sam Sommers,' 'Majestic Beauty,'		A!
Pittosporum undulatum		sticky seeds, natural areas	A
Washingtonia robusta		need some warmth	B!
Tall Deciduous			
Ginkgo biloba	'Autumn Gold', 'Saratoga'	need specifics on varieties (Narrow, shaggy, etc)	A!
Platanus x acerifolia	'Bloodgood' 'Yarwood,' 'Columbia', 'Liberty'	need specifics on varieties	B!
Tilia cordata			B!
Ulmus parvifolia	'Drake,' 'Sempervirens'	need specifics on var, upper end of mod pruning, very fast	A

Eriobotrya deflexa–

FUF – A – does well all over town, solid

BUF – B – struggles in wind and in some soils, fireblight

Pyrus kawakamii

FUF – OFF – fireblight, should take it off the list entirely for a while

BUF – A – performs well, disclaimer about flowers

Tristaniopsis laurina ‘Elegant

FUF – B – poor form, high maintenance,

BUF – solid, so slow growing that might need moderate pruning, but not high

Pyrus calleryana ‘Chanticleer’

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BUF – B – resistant, fairly reasonable performer

Olea europaea

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