

#	Common Names Scientific *Noted Varieties only	Size*	Frost	Growth Rate	Flowers. No = any blooms are insignificant	Comments
	Cassia (Senna). C. Excelsa or Crown of Gold Tree	MT ~ 25'	20-25 °	Fast	Crown like look – bright yellow flowers at end of branches. Ornamental	Most cassia shrubs – this tree good for Zone 13. OK in lawn. Prune AFTER flowers. H20 to begin
6	African Sumac (Rhus) R. Lancea	SM	12°	Slow	No. Small amount of litter Potential of many seedlings & root shoots	Open, graceful weeping, beautiful but. Susceptible to Texas root rot.in our area
7	Texas Mt. Laurel (aka Mescal Bean) Sophora Secundiflora – only type	SM 25' or shrub	10-15°	Slow	Blooms (usu. Violet/blue). Colorful pods, can be poisonous Interesting and very attractive look	Prefers good drainage but good for street / lawn / patio Good in this area.. Better with larger areas.
8	Swan Hill Olive (ONLY type!!!!!!!) fruitless olive. [Olea europaea]	SM	15°	Mod. to Slow	NO Fruit – No pollen Can suffer disease of any other olive type. Hardy.	Leaves deep green. Other fruitless varieties are “almost” no fruit.
9	Eucalyptus.2 types ONLY: Microtheca (Recommended in AZ) & Spathulata (small, erect tree w/o problems of larger type) “Narrow-leaf Gimilet” aka “Swamp mallee”	SM max 25' not large type	15-20°	Mod/Fast	No. Some small cream flower in spring. Really attractive red bark often changes color. Multi-trunk tree	Not same mess of larger type. Hardy. NO need to prune. Bushy wind screen Young trees need water, as most species do.
2	Arizona Cypress Ccupressus C. arizonia often sold as C.glabra	MT	0°	Fast	No. Conifer, not pine Variety spreads more than Italian Cypress	Good wind break, not real wide.
3	Ficus A) F. microcarpa (F.retusa aka Indian Laurel Fig) B) F. microcarpa nitida (preferred)	MT 25-30' some as shrub	25-30° Long Hard Frost Problem	Mod.	Both do well in heat, especially with a bit of water. Used often as street trees. Not similar in appearance. Bark of (A) striking.	“Nitida’ can be pruned almost any time of year to any shape and size. “Green Gem” good type, generally resistant to pests, such as thrips seen in Calif. on both of these
4	“Beefwood” River She-Oak. Casuarina C. cunninghamiana. C. equistefolia (Horestail)	MT 70' 60'	15°	Fast Mod.	River She-Oak looks like pine. Dark purple blooms similar to bottle brush.	Tolerates heat and wind. Often confused with Athel tamarisk in look.
5	Ash. (Fraxinus) F. uhdei (aka Evergreen or Shamel Ash) B) F. velutina “Modesto” aka Modesto Ash	MT 40-70' 40-50'	15-24°	Fast	No. Multi-trunk. Large leaves. Variety ‘A’ semi-evergreen in zone 13, but will lose leaves 1-3 months. B) Deciduous, for up to 4 months.	Resist fungus. Young tree chance of TX root rot and “ash decline syndrome.’ Modesto, hardy form of AZ ash. Both beautiful fall colors.
6	Desert willow Australian Willow (Wilga) Geijera paviflora Don’t confuse w/ others called Australian Willow	15-20' MT	~ 10° 15°	Mod Fast Mod.	Small, violet flower-hard to see – shrub often pruned as tree. No. Grace of small willow, tough like eucalyptus. Little pruning	Deep, noninvasive roots. Well behaved Hardy Quite pest free. Don’t confuse with other willows.
7	Primrose Tree or Cowitch tree Lagunaria Patersonii	MT 40'	25°	Fast	Showy hibiscus-like rose/pink blooms. “Royal Purple” has purple	Attractive pyramidal shape. Thick. Narrow until older. Pods hold long
8	Hakea. H. Laurina “Sea Urchin aka Pincushion Tree	MT - 30' or shrub	20°	Mod.	Showy crimson flowers, late fall and winter. Attractive & hardy.	As with many young trees, helpful to stake when young.