

Guide to choosing SMALL TREES to plant near powerlines Bay Area and Inland

Kumquat
Fortunella margarita

Fragrant flowers, which blossom in late spring, attract butterflies and become fruit that look like tiny oranges in the fall. Great ornamental element in a landscape. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Moist - Dry Soil

Amur Maple
Acer ginnala

This tree's main decorative value is in its brilliant red fall foliage and pinkish red-winged fruit. It is well suited as a patio tree, hedge or screen. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist - Dry Soil

We recommend planting trees taller than 15 feet at least 50 feet away from distribution lines and 60 feet from transmission lines



Common Camellia
Camellia japonica 'Variety'

This large shrub can grow into a small tree and blooms with showy, fragrant flowers that range in shape and color. When mature, it can handle little water and afternoon sun. Grows to 20 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist Soil

Purple-Leaf Plum
Prunus cerasifera 'Newport'

Very popular for its unusual changing leaf color. The small blossoms are followed by a crop of small, edible fruit. Often used as a decorative landscape element, it is good near patios and decks. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

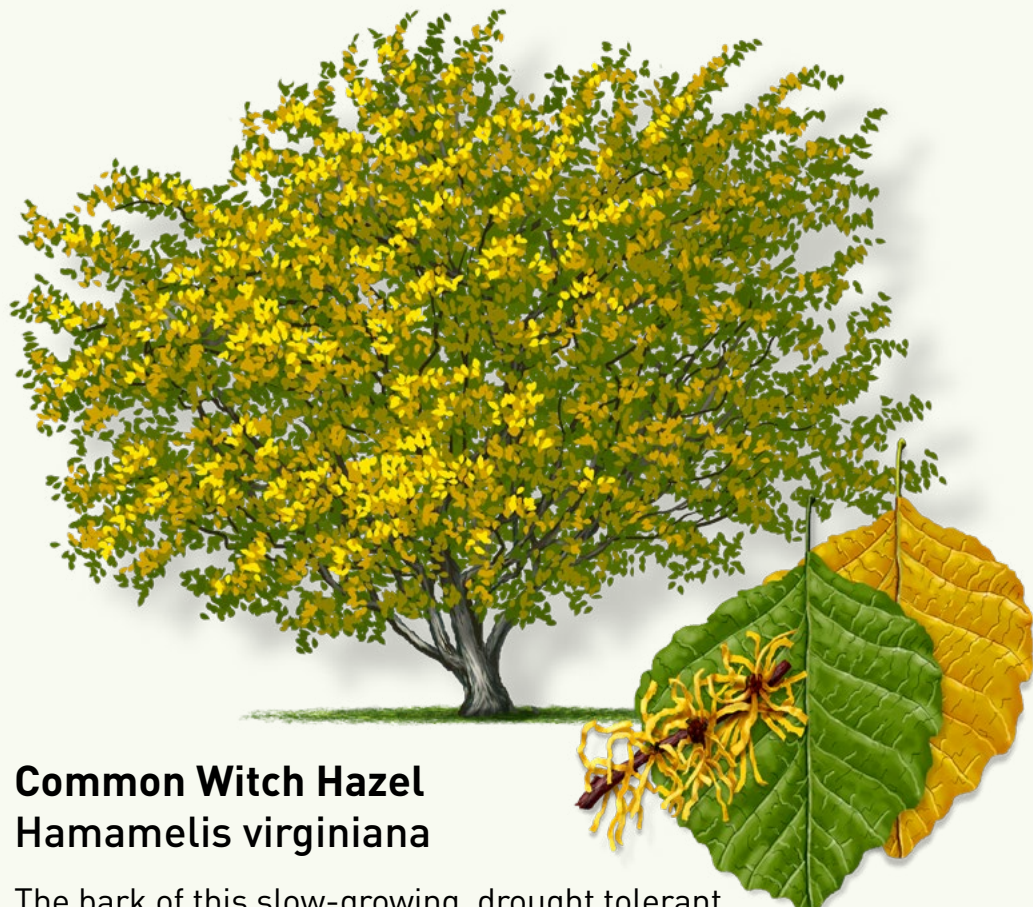
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Lemon-Scented Tea Tree
Leptospermum petersonii

Featuring fragrant, showy white flowers, this tree attracts bees and butterflies. It has an open growth habit with arching branches and can be pruned to expose a multi-trunk form. Grows to 20 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Well-Drained Soil



Common Witch Hazel
Hamamelis virginiana

The bark of this slow-growing, drought tolerant plant is the source of the liniment witch hazel. It has bright foliage and yellow and red bloom clusters in the fall. Well suited for borders and shady areas. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

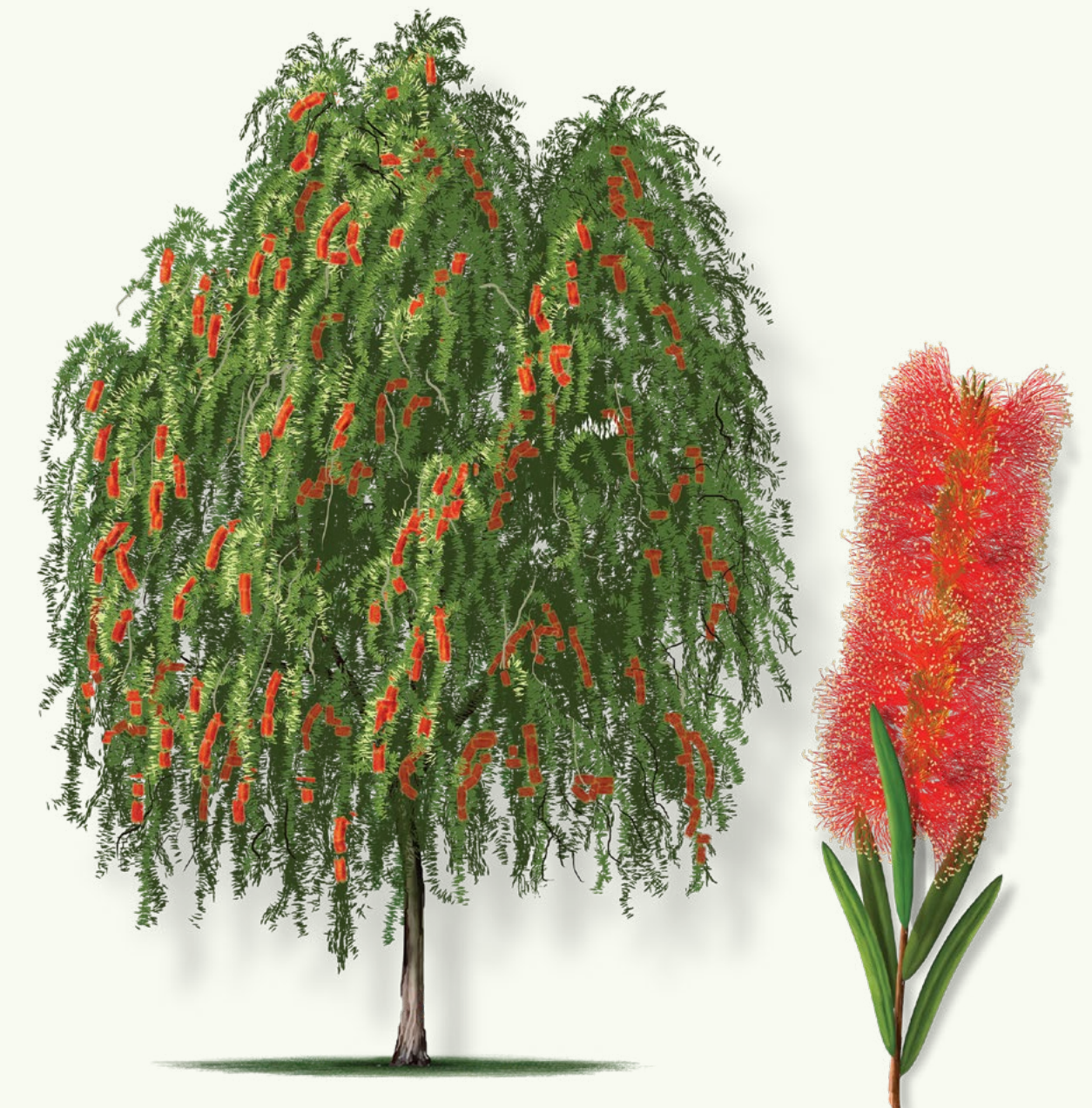
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Improved Semi-Dwarf Meyer Lemon
Citrus limon 'Meyer Improved'

This compact tree produces sweet, flavorful lemons nearly year-round, as well as fragrant leaves and white blossoms. A perfect addition for attracting bees to your garden. Grows to 15 feet when mature.

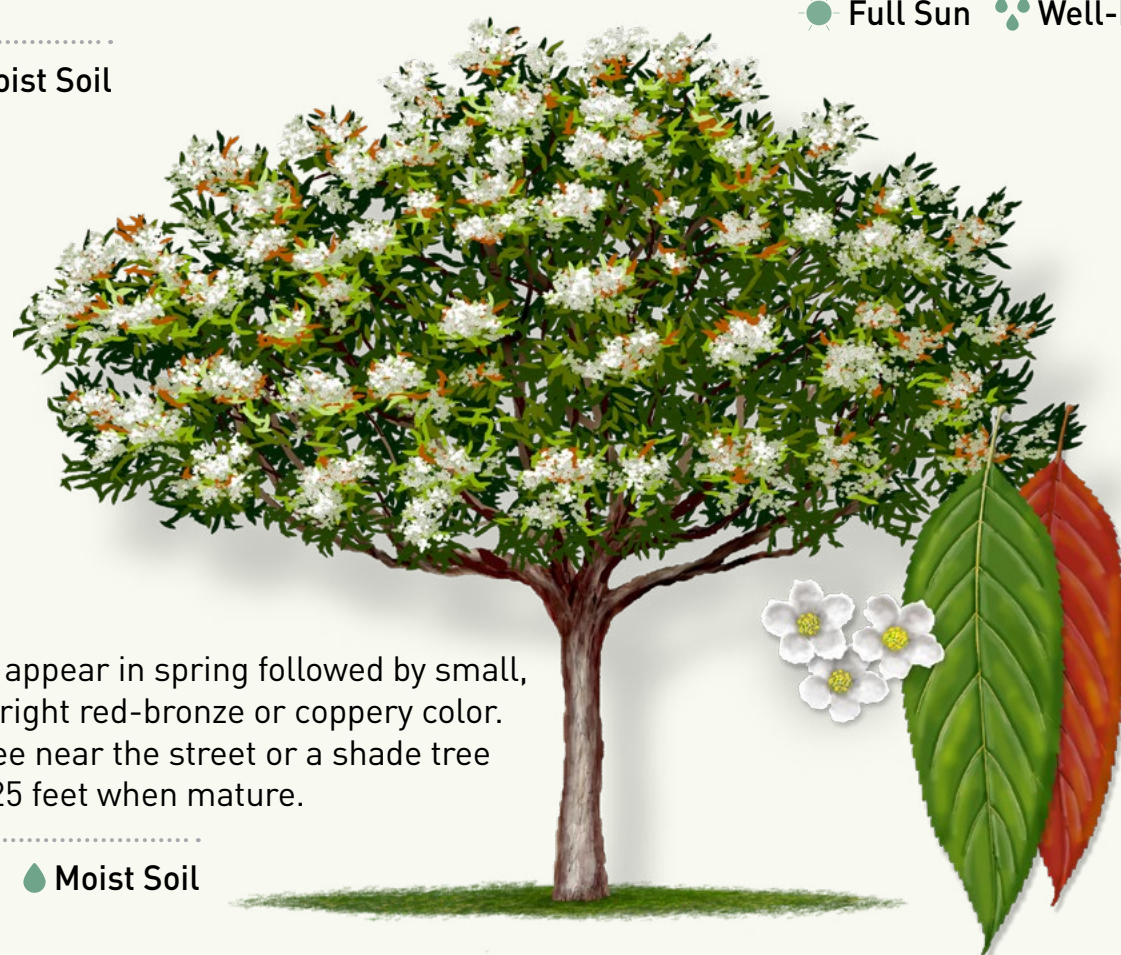
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Weeping Bottlebrush
Callistemon viminalis

A beautiful tropical tree that produces scarlet blossoms March through July, this tree attracts hummingbirds and is drought tolerant. It is ideal for creating high hedges for privacy. Not suitable for windy areas or near the street. Grows well in restricted Soil space. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist - Dry Soil



Bronze Loquat
Eriobotrya deflexa

Small white, fragrant flowers appear in spring followed by small, inedible fruits. Leaves are a bright red-bronze or coppery color. Well suited as a decorative tree near the street or a shade tree for a patio or deck. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist Soil



Chaste Tree
Vitex agnus-castus

This dense, rounded shrub requires minimal shearing. Spikes of purple or white flower clusters and inedible berries appear in spring, bringing fragrant florals and attracting wildlife. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

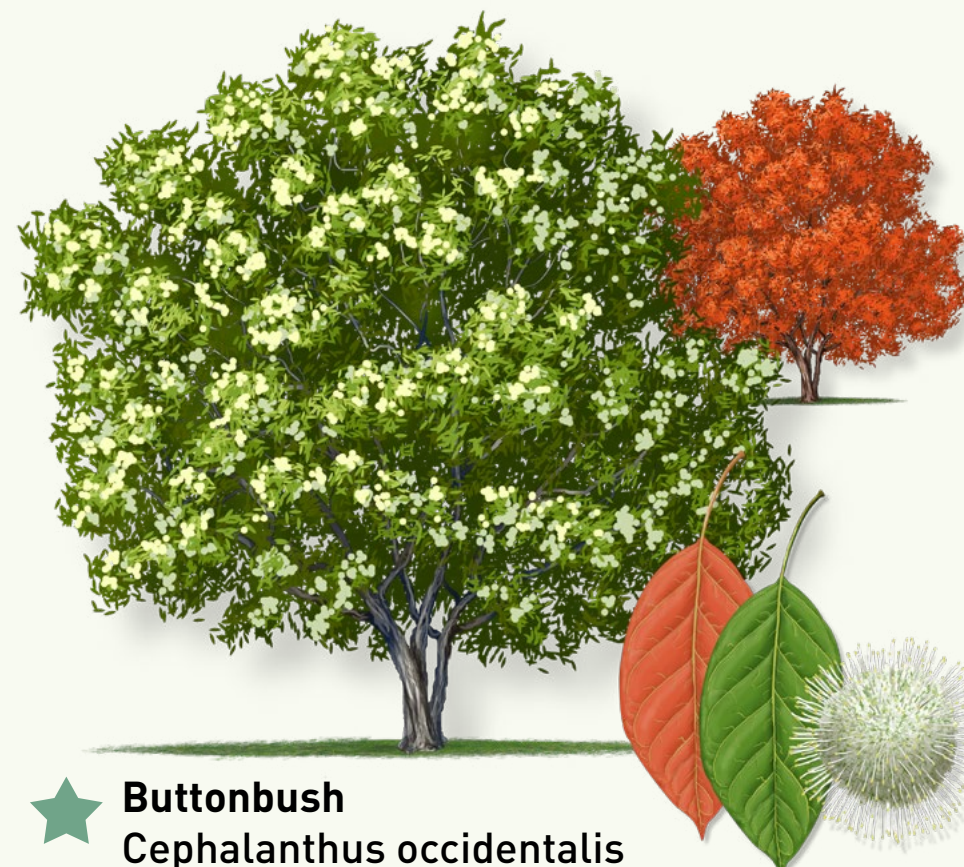
● Full Sun ○ Dry Soil



Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia x soulangeana

Blooms open late winter to early spring, producing a display of large white flowers shaded in pink. Can be used near a patio or deck. Best used as a stand-alone specimen in a sunny spot. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

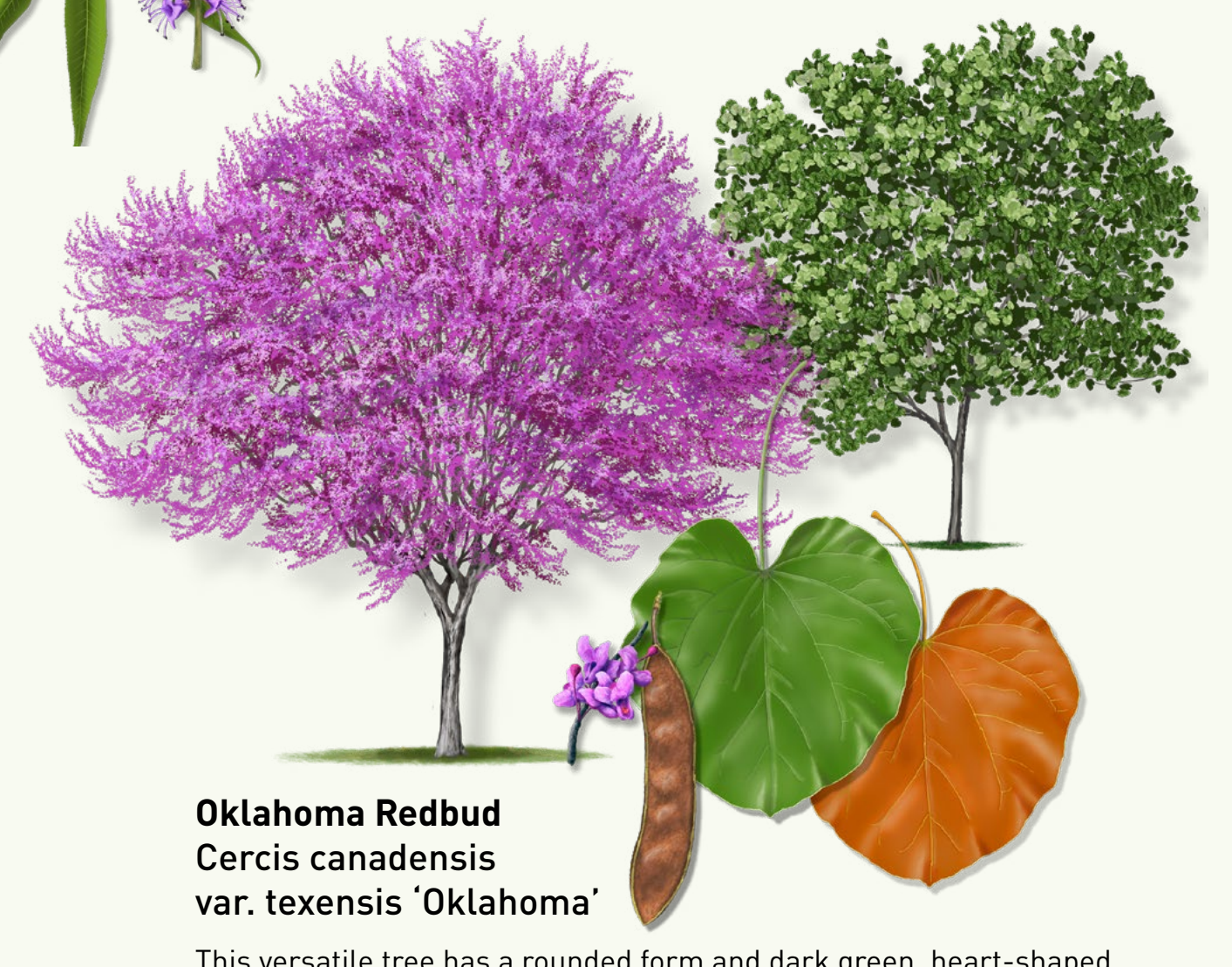
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★ **Buttonbush**
Cephalanthus occidentalis

Produces unusual flowers that smell like honey and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Its seeds provide wildlife food, especially for ducks, and its thick foliage provides habitat for many wetland birds. Useful for naturalizing wet areas. Grows to 20 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Wet - Moist Soil



Oklahoma Redbud
Cercis canadensis var. *texensis* 'Oklahoma'

This versatile tree has a rounded form and dark green, heart-shaped leaves. It blooms with royal purple, pea-like flowers in early spring. Grows to 15 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Moist - Dry Soil

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A small tree is defined as a tree that grows to 35 feet when mature. Consult with your local nursery on other tree species and varieties that are safe to plant near powerlines.

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