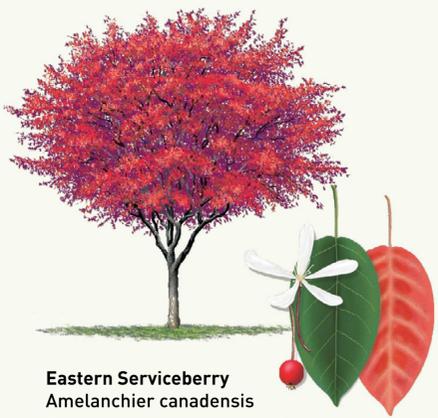


Guide to choosing SMALL TREES to plant near powerlines Northern California



Eastern Serviceberry
Amelanchier canadensis

This is one of the earliest trees to blossom in spring. It produces white flowers that become blueberry-like edible fruit, attracting birds and wildlife. Its fall colors are orange, red and yellow. 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

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



Japanese Maple
Acer palmatum

Famous for its striking display of fall color when leaves turn brilliant shades of scarlet, yellow or orange, it is one of the most beautiful small trees for the landscape. Well suited as an accent tree. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist - Well-Drained Soil



Pomegranate
Punica granatum

This tree has beautiful orange-red, trumpet-shaped flowers in spring and produces edible fruit. It has beautiful fall colors and mottled bark. It is good as a hedge and is fire resistant. Grows to 20 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist - Dry Soil



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.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist Soil



Mescal Bean
Sophora secundiflora

This tree exhibits a beautiful spring display of extremely sweet, fragrant violet-blue and sometimes white flowers. Later, the flowers become hairy seed pods that contain poisonous but decorative red seeds. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Moist - Dry Soil



Koussa Dogwood
Cornus koussa

This tree attracts birds to its round, red, raspberry-like edible fruit. Its fragrant, white blooms appear in spring above the leaves on the topside of branches. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Partial Shade ● Moist - Well-Drained Soil



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.

● Full Sun ● Well-Drained 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.

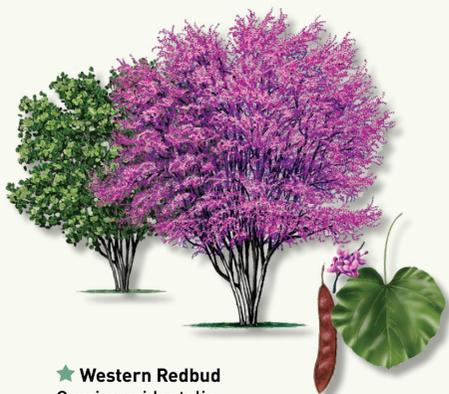
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Red Buckeye
Aesculus pavia

This tree flowers at three years old with red flowers in spring. The coarse, open structure and light brown, flaky bark offers great winter landscape interest. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Moist Soil



★ **Western Redbud**
Cercis occidentalis

Striking blossoms appear all over the tree in spring, then it produces beans that provide food for wildlife. Not suitable as a street tree but well suited as an accent tree. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Moist - Dry Soil



American Smoke Tree
Cotinus obovatus

Long flower stalks have a fluffy, grayish-buff appearance resembling a cloud. One of the best plants for fall color with orange, purple and red leaves. Best used in a shrub border or as a patio or accent tree. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● Well-Drained Soil



Star Magnolia
Magnolia stellata

Hardest of the magnolias, its white flowers bloom in spring before the leaves appear. Fall brings copper and yellow leaves, and winter brings a silhouette of grayish-white bark. Grows to 20 feet when mature.

● Full Sun ● Moist Soil



★ **Toyon**
Heteromeles arbutifolia

Drought resistant and low maintenance, this California native blooms in summer and bears beautiful red berries in winter. It is well suited for hedges for privacy. Grows to 25 feet when mature.

● Full Sun - Partial Shade ● 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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