CITY OF RICHMOND STREET TREES

SMALL TREES
Deciduous

**Hedge Maple—Acer campestre**
Height 25-35’, width 25-35’. Lovely dense tree, native to Europe and western Asia. Tolerates urban conditions, and is adaptive to many soils. Full sun or partial shade.

**David’s Maple—Acer davidii**
Height 20-35’, width 20-35’. A snakebark maple native to China, this tree has lovely shiny green bark striped with silver, as well as showy fall color. Prefers acidic, moist soils. Full sun or partial shade.
SMALL TREES

Evergreen

Strawberry Tree—Arbutus ‘Marina’
Height 25-40’, width 20-30’. The very popular strawberry tree offers picturesque red bark, pink flowers, and delicious red or orange fruit resembling strawberries. The leaves stay green year round.

TREES UNDER WIRES

Deciduous

Trident Maple—Acer buergerianum
Height 20-25’, width 20-25’. This beautiful native of China, sometimes used for bonsai, has a small round shape with brilliant red fall color. It loves full sun, and is adaptive to many soils.
Eastern Redbud—*Cercis canadensis*
Height 20-30’, width 25-35’. A small, elegant, and delicate species, this beauty has spectacular color and shape. Best in full sun to light shade, it prefers moist, well-drained soil, but is adaptive.

Washington Hawthorn—*Crataegus phaenopyrum*
Crape Myrtle—*Lagerstroemia x ‘Natchez’*
Height 30’, width 25’. Popular throughout the United States, this tree has a very long bloom season, producing lovely white flowers. Full sun to partial shade. Likes moist well-drained soil, but tolerates dry conditions once established. Other mildew-resistant varieties are also available.

Purple-leaf Flowering Plum—*Prunus cerasifera ‘Krauter Vesuvius’*
Height 15-28’, width 15-20. Known for its purple-black leaves, this tree offers a great contrast for any landscape. It has beautiful pale pink flowers in early spring and rarely produces fruit.
**Frontier Elm—*Ulmus ‘Frontier’***
Height 25’, width 20’. This hybrid elm has small glossy leaves and, unlike most elms, often has lovely fall colors. It is ideal as a street tree. It likes full sun and moist, well-drained soil, and is tolerant of both drought and urban conditions.

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**TREES UNDER WIRES***

**Evergreen***

**Laurel, Sweet Bay—*Lauris nobilis ‘Saratoga’***
Height 20-25’, width 20-25’. The sweet bay has leaves that can be used in cooking and crafts. Slow growing, it needs full sun to partial shade and tolerates most soils.
St. Mary’s Southern Magnolia—*Magnolia grandiflora* ‘St. Mary’
Height 18-20’, width 20’. This smaller evergreen magnolia has beautiful leaves with showy undersides and large fragrant flowers. Thrives in full sun to partial shade, and tolerates various types of soil.

New Zealand Christmas Tree—*Metrosideros excelsa*
Height 30’, width 30’. This beautiful New Zealand native—called “Pōhutukawa” there—sports brilliant red flowers. It is evergreen, and requires little maintenance. Prefers full sun to partial shade, and well-drained soil. Tolerates wind and salt spray.
Water Gum, Swamp Myrtle—*Tristaniopsis laurina*
Height 20-30’, width 15-20’. Originally from Australia, this evergreen tree has glossy lance-shaped leaves with reddish coloring on the new growth. There are profuse fragrant yellow blossoms in season. Slow growing, thrives in sun, and tolerates many soils as well as drought once established.

**MEDIUM TREES**

**Deciduous**

European Hornbeam—*Carpinus betulus*
Height 40-50’, width 25-30’. Beautiful, long-lived, and with very hard wood, this tree is happy in full sun to partial shade, is drought-tolerant, and thrives in a variety of soils.
**Common Hackberry—*Celtis occidentalis***
Height 40-60’, width almost equal. Large majestic tree with form and growth habit similar to elms. Produces small berries that turn orange-red to dark purple in the fall. Fast growth, prefers full sun, very adaptive of soil and urban conditions.

**Raywood Ash—*Fraxinus oxycarpa* ‘Raywood’**
Height 40-50’, width 25-30’. Very attractive street tree with dark green leaves turning a beautiful claret red in the fall. Drought-tolerant, prefers full sun, tolerant of a variety of soils.
Arizona Ash — *Fraxinus velutina*
Height 30-50’, width usually 2/3 height. Often used in the California Central Valley, this tree tolerates heat well, likes full sun and is tolerant of a variety of soils.

Autumn Gold Ginkgo — *Ginkgo biloba ‘Autumn Gold’*
Height 25-50’, width 25-35. Regarded as one of the most ancient tree species still living, this stunning tree has spectacular gold foliage in the fall. It can tolerate full sun to partial shade, and can grow in almost any soil. This is a real beauty.
**Sour Gum, Tupelo—** *Nyssa sylvatica*

Height 30-50’, width 20-30’. This tree can have spectacular fall color, and has an attractive light gray bark, as well as a somewhat horizontal branching habit. Tolerates drought, prefers moist-well-drained acidic soil and full sun.

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**Chinese Pistache—** *Pistacia chinensis*

Height 30-60’, width 30-60’. Enormously popular as a street tree in northern California, here is another tree that can have beautiful fall color. It prefers full sun, is drought-tolerant, and thrives in a wide range of soils.
Brisbane Box—*Tristania conferta*
Height 30-45’, width 25’. This drought-tolerant evergreen is a “handsome, majestic, low-maintenance street tree.” Native to Australia, it likes full sun, and is tolerant of a variety of soils. It has attractive oval leathery leaves and small white flowers.

Chilean Soapbark Tree—*Quillaja saponaria* (Quillay)
Height 30-45’, width 15-23’. The soapbark tree has a long history of medicinal use among the people of the Andes, and is still used for many purposes. The tree has thick dark bark, shiny evergreen leaves, and small white flowers. It likes full sun, and can tolerate a variety of soils.
**LARGE TREES**

**Deciduous**

**Shumard Red Oak—*Quercus shumardii***
Height 60-80’, width 40-50’. This large, majestic red oak is an excellent shade and street tree. Leaves remain green long into the fall and then may turn a deep orange-red. These trees are strong, long-lived, and grow relatively quickly.

**Little-Leaf Linden—*Tilia cordata ‘Greenspire’***
Height 40-50’, width 30-35’. Introduced to North America in colonial days, this hardy linden is a popular street-tree choice. It has exceptional tolerance for difficult conditions, and thrives in full sun to light shade. It features glossy dark green leaves and small fragrant summer flowers.
Sawleaf Zelkova—*Zelkova serrata*
Height 50-70’, width 50-70’. Native to Japan, this beautiful large shade tree gets its name from the sawlike serrated edges of its leaves. It turns yellow to dark red to dull reddish brown in the fall. A moderate to fast grower, it tolerates a variety of soils, likes full sun, and is relatively drought-tolerant.

Coast Live Oak—*Quercus agrifolia*
Height 70’ or more, width 70’ or more. This magnificent evergreen tree is native to coastal California, and is very long-lived. Thriving in full sun, the tree prefers clay, loam, or sandy soil, is drought-tolerant, and grows slowly.
Cork Oak—*Quercus suber*
Height 30-60’, width 30-60’. The trunk and main limbs of this lovely evergreen are covered with a handsome thick corky bark. Native to southwest Europe and northwest Africa, the tree likes full sun, is drought tolerant, and has a moderate growth rate.

WET LOCATIONS

*Deciduous*

Red Maple—*Acer rubrum*
Height 40-70’, width 25-45’. This very popular maple is native to eastern North America, but has become extremely widespread. Fast growing, it spreads with age. It likes full sun, and tolerates most soils. Fall color is famously breathtaking.
River Birch—*Betula nigra*
Height 50-70’, width 40-50’. One of the most beautiful of native American large trees, this tree has shiny medium-green leaves and is known for its lovely bark, as well as its yellow fall foliage. It prefers full sun, is adaptive to many soils, and has a medium to fast growth rate.

![River Birch Tree](image)

WET LOCATIONS
Evergreen

Southern Live Oak—*Quercus virginiana*
Height 30-50’, width 30-50’. Less usual in our area, the southern live oak can be seen at the Richmond Public Library, between Civic Center and the Senior Center. It is an evergreen, native to the southeastern United States. Depending on growing conditions, it can vary from shrubby to large and spreading.

![Southern Live Oak](image)

Note: City of Richmond arborists review each adopt-a-tree application independently and are committed to selecting the best tree for each location. All trees on the list are subject to availability.