



10.2 Warm Deserts



American Aspen / Quaking Aspen

(*Populus tremuloides*)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 20 - 50 ft
SPREAD: 10 - 30 ft

This species has dark green leaves that turn golden yellow in the fall and flutter and tremble in the wind. Before the leaves, small male and female flowers appear on separate catkins and trees, with female flowers giving way to small fruit.



Black Cherry

(*Prunus serotina*)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 50 - 80 ft
SPREAD: 30 - 60 ft

This plant has glossy green leaves with pointed tips, has fragrant white flowers in the spring, and produces berries that can be used in jams and jellies. Is tolerant of dry soil.

* Not native in CA



Coyote Willow

(*Salix exigua*)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Average, High
HEIGHT: 15 - 20 ft
SPREAD: 15 - 20 ft

This plant thrives in diverse habitats, offering drought resistance, flood tolerance, and erosion prevention. With gray-green leaves and pale lemon catkins in spring, it adds visual interest and supports various wildlife species.



Douglas Fir

(*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 40 - 80 ft
SPREAD: 10 - 20 ft

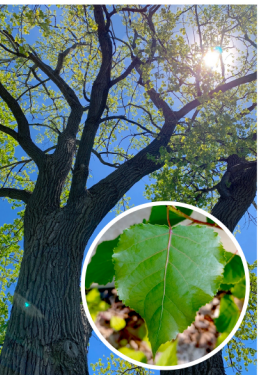
This versatile evergreen tree is highly valued for its beauty and is often used as a Christmas tree. It has dense, soft needles and gracefully drooping branches. The tree produces cylindrical cones that provide a food source for wildlife.

* Not native in southern CA



Eastern Cottonwood

(*Populus deltoides*)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 50 - 80 ft
SPREAD: 35 - 60 ft

This tree has green leaves up to 5 inches long that turn yellow in the fall. Before the leaves emerge, small male and female flowers appear on separate trees in mid-spring.



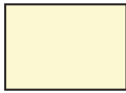
Goodding's Willow

(*Salix gooddingii*)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Average, High
HEIGHT: 15 - 40 ft
SPREAD: 25 ft

This versatile shrub or small tree has lance-shaped leaves and narrow catkins. It excels in erosion control, making it an invaluable choice for landscapes near water bodies or flood-prone regions.

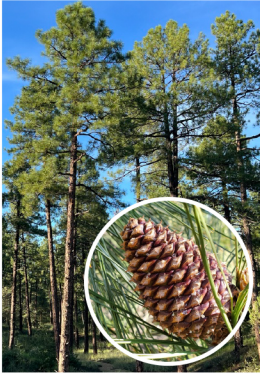


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Ponderosa Pine

(*Pinus ponderosa*)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 60 - 100 ft
SPREAD: 25 - 30 ft

This majestic and resilient tree is known for its tall, straight trunks and distinctive orange-brown bark that peels off in puzzle-like plates. It has long, needle-like leaves grouped in bundles of three and produces large, egg-shaped cones. It can live over 500 years.



White Fir

(*Abies concolor*)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 10 - 30 ft
SPREAD: 10 - 15 ft

This low maintenance and elegant evergreen tree is known for its soft, bluish-green needles and pleasant citrus scent. It produces attractive cones that transition from purple to light brown.

* Not native in TX