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NATURE TRAIL





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California Sycamore

This large tree grows up to 80 feet tall, and it is known for its striking, mottled bark that peels away in patches, revealing a smooth, creamy underlayer. The leaves are large, lobed, and turn a beautiful golden hue in the fall. It produces small, round seed balls that hang in clusters.

FUN FACT: The wood is extremely hard and is used for buttons and wooden utensils.

Carrot Wood

The dense, rounded canopy provides ample shade to mitigate the urban heat island effect. During the warmer months, it produces small, inconspicuous flowers that give way to bright orange, pumpkin-shaped fruits, adding a splash of color. The tree is well suited to coastal areas, tolerating both salt and wind.

FUN FACT: Known for its distinct, orange-colored wood.



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Southern Magnolia

Widely planted throughout California, this tree is known for contrasting colors on either side on its evergreen, leathery leaves. The tree's spectacular fruit-scented, white flowers reach up to a foot in diameter.

FUN FACT: The flowers evolved prior to butterflies and bees, and were originally pollinated by beetles and other ancient insects.

Brisbane Box

The evergreen leaves are glossy and dark green, creating a lush, vibrant appearance throughout the year. During the warmer months, it produces clusters of small, white, fragrant flowers that attract bees and other pollinators. The bark is smooth and pale, often peeling away in patches to reveal a creamy underlayer. This hardy tree is well suited for urban environments, tolerating pollution and poor soil conditions.

FUN FACT: Native to Australia, the Brisbane Box rarely sheds limbs.



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Coast Live Oak

This drought tolerant evergreen tree is considered the backbone of coastal California woodlands; supporting over 270 species of wildlife, it is a true Golden State icon. The tree's acorns were a vital food resource for indigenous peoples. Spanish settlers associated this tree with fertile land, evidenced by the placement of the Franciscan missions, which matches the Coast Live Oak's native range.

FUN FACT: This tree can live for several hundred years.



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Tipu Tree

Known for its broad, spreading canopy, this fast-growing tree provides dense, ample shade. It has feathery, pinnate leaves that create a delicate, lacy appearance. In the summer, it bursts into clusters of bright yellow flowers that attract pollinators.

FUN FACT: This tree is native to Bolivia and Southern Brazil.

Ginkgo Biloba

One of the world's oldest remaining species, its closest relatives went extinct millions of years ago. It can be readily identified by its fan-shaped leaves and its golden fall leaf color.

FUN FACT: The ginkgo is unique among all plants as a lone survivor from the time of the dinosaurs.



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African Fern Pine

This tree has an upright form and a lush, evergreen canopy. Its leaves are narrow and needle-like, giving it a somewhat feathery appearance. The bark is smooth and grayish brown, often developing a textured pattern with age. Its resilience to various environmental conditions makes it great for city settings.

FUN FACT: The wood is used for boat construction and musical instruments.



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Pink Trumpet Tree

During the blooming season, this tree becomes a focal point in any landscape with its stunning display of vibrant pink and purple flowers, creating a striking contrast against its dark green leaves. The tree's clustered flowers attract bees and other pollinators.

FUN FACT: Native to Central and South America, it is the national tree of Paraguay.




Chinese Flame Tree

This tree is known for its fragrant, bright yellow flowers that emerge in late summer, followed by burgundy to tan-colored, papery fruits that resemble Chinese lanterns. The hard, black seeds are used as beads in religious ceremonies.

FUN FACT: This tree is native to China, where it is planted around significant gravesites.



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