

CANOA ESTATES HOA

RECOMMENDED TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS FOR PLANTING WITHIN HOMEOWNER LOTS

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Following is a list of recommended trees and large shrubs for planting within homeowner lots. These plants were selected to meet the following criteria:

- Their mature height does not exceed 15'
- They can tolerate temperatures as low as 15 degrees without serious injury or death
- They are native or desert-adapted and can tolerate our environment
- They are low-water use plants
- They are not invasive or highly allergenic

These criteria are provided to assist the homeowner in selecting a tree or shrub that will perform well in our environment with minimal care. Additional plants may be considered if they meet CC&R guidelines. (Refer to ARTICLE VIII USE RESTRICTIONS, SECTION 9: Shrubs, Trees and Grasses of the CC&Rs). The Maintenance Committee is available to assist with recommendations.

TREES

Common Name Botanical Name¹	Height	Width	Water Use	Notes
Blackbrush Acacia <i>Acacia rigidula</i>	15	9	Low	
Foothills Palo Verde <i>Parkinsonia microphylla</i>	15	15	Low	
Guajillo <i>Senegalia berlandieri / Acacia berlandieri</i>	15	15	Moderate	
Kidneywood <i>Eysenhardtia orthocarpa</i>	10-15	10	Low	
Lemon Bottlebrush <i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	15	10	Moderate	
Mexican Buckeye <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	12	12	Moderate	
Mexican Blue Palm <i>Brahea armata</i>	15	8	Moderate	

¹ When purchasing a tree, it is important to pay attention to the Botanical Name. Several trees may have similar Common Names, but different Botanical Names. The Botanical Name should be used to determine the characteristics of the tree.

Common Name Botanical Name¹	Height	Width	Water Use	Notes
Mexican Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis v. Mexicana</i>	15	15	Moderate	
Sweet Bubba Desert Willow <i>Chilopsis linearis 'Sweet Bubba'</i>	15	15	Low	There are several varieties of Desert Willow, some of them growing very tall. Pay attention to the Botanical Name when purchasing this species.
Texas Kidneywood <i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	8	8	Moderate	
Texas Olive <i>Cordia boissier</i>	15	15	Low	
Timeless Beauty Desert Willow <i>Chilopsis linearis 'Monhews'</i>	15	15	Low	There are several varieties of Desert Willow, some of them growing very tall. Pay attention to the Botanical Name when purchasing this species.

LARGE SHRUBS

A large shrub can reach the size of a small tree. The difference is in the branching structure. A tree usually has a single trunk with branches originating from it. A shrub has multiple stems, all originating from the ground.

Common Name Botanical Name²	Height	Width	Water Use	Notes
Anacacho Orchid Tree <i>Bauhinia lunaroides</i>	10	12	Moderate	
Arizona Rosewood <i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	10	8	Moderate	
Arizona Yellow Bells <i>Tecoma stans v. angustata</i>	10	8	Low	

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Common Name Botanical Name²	Height	Width	Water Use	Notes
Cascalote <i>Caesalpinia cacalaco</i>	15	18	Moderate	
Hopbush <i>Dodonaea viscosa & varieties</i>	10	12	Low	
Mangle Dulce <i>Maytenus phyllanthoides</i>	12	12	Low	
Mexican Bird of Paradise <i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>	10	8	Low	Stem tips may freeze in temperatures below 20°F, but the shrub will survive.
Mexican Rosewood <i>Vauquelinia corymbosa</i>	15	20	Low	
Quail Bush <i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	10	15	Low	
Texas Mountain Laurel <i>Dermatophyllum secundiflorum</i>	15	10	Low	Can be pruned into a tree
White Thorn Acacia <i>Acacia constricta</i>	10	15	Very Low	Has medium-size thorns
Wolfberry <i>Lycium fremontii</i>	10	8	Very Low	