



## *Platanus racemosa*, WESTERN SYCAMORE

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### PLANTS FOR A SYCAMORE WOODLAND

*Aquilegia formosa*, Red Columbine  
*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, Toyon  
*Heuchera maxima*, Giant Alum Root  
*Iris douglasiana*, Douglas Iris  
*Leymus triticoides*, Creeping Wildrye  
*Mahonia repens*, Creeping Mahonia  
*Philadelphus lewisii*, Mock Orange  
*Rhamnus californica*, Calif. Coffeeberry  
*Ribes speciosum*, Fuchsia Flwg. Gooseberry  
*Rosa californica*, Calif. Wild Rose  
*Salvia spathacea*, Hummingbird Sage  
*Symphoricarpos mollis*, Creeping Snowberry

Western Sycamore is a large, bright green leaves, mottled, light-colored bark, arching branches and spreading form characterize this stately tree. Native to riparian areas in low elevations of the southern half of the state, the deciduous Western Sycamore is a beautiful addition to any natural landscape. Quickly reaching a height of over 40 feet with equal spread, this tree grows best with a continuous supply of moisture, and for this reason is acceptable for planting in lawns. A valuable source of wildlife habitat, Sycamores are striking trees, providing summer shade, fall color and visible branching pattern in winter. To create an authentic California garden, plant a Sycamore woodland understory (see list at left). All Sycamores are susceptible to anthracnose, a fungal leaf blight that causes early drop but is otherwise harmless.

PLANT PROFILES

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