

California Sycamore

(*Platanus racemosa*)



Sycamore trees (also called plane trees) are native to California and Baja Mexico where they grow in riparian areas. Our native plane tree, *Platanus racemosa*, is found only in this region of the country.

Always graceful, the tree grows very fast with a height reaching 30 – 80 feet. They can have a very long life span, with horticulturalists documenting some specimens living up to 400 years.

Native Americans used the inner bark for food and medicinal tonic; leaves were used to wrap bread during baking, and limbs and branches were used in house construction.

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