



**Platanus racemosa**  
California Sycamore

Tree

Sun

Origin: California

Moderate water

Beloved California native, this tree is long lived and fast growing, reaching a height of over 60 feet. It is bare in winter, showing beautiful rustic branches covered with patchy white and tan bark. Large pale green maple like leaves appear in spring followed by chains of three to five ball like flower and seed heads. The overall shape of the tree is irregular, sometimes wildly. is irregular sometimes wildly. As a result this tree needs a large area to grow naturally. One cause of this irregular growth is a fungal disease known as anthracnose which kills new growth. In bad years several sets of leaf growth die and fall before hot weather checks the fungus and the tree can leaf out. Bark beetle, powdery mildew, and mistletoe can also be a problem, though Sycamores tend to survive them all.