BY THE NUMBERS

City street trees play a vital role in Sylmar communities. These trees mitigate the negative effects of urbanization and development, and enhance the quality of life within the community. Considering Sylmar’s 13,426 trees, 607 stumps, and 3,847 vacant sites, the stocking rate is 74.6%. The most abundant type of tree in the inventory is broadleaf (58.9%) which provide the most shade.

13,426
Total Street Trees in Sylmar

QUICK FACTS

- **$1.5m**
  Annual Total Benefits

- **$1.2m**
  Property Value

- **669,651 lbs**
  Carbon Dioxide Sequestered Annually

- **4,323 lbs**
  Air Pollutants Removed Annually

- **5.5m gallons**
  Stormwater Runoff Avoided Annually

- **550,907**
  KWH Saved Annually

- **23**
  Number of Trees > 50” Diameter

- **3,847**
  Number of Vacant Sites

- **4,428**
  Therms of Energy Saved Annually

- **394**
  Vacant Street Sites >10’ Wide

- **607**
  Number of Stumps

DIAMETER BREAKDOWN OF SYLMAR STREET TREES

- **18.1%**
  1”–5”

- **18.4%**
  6”–10”

- **25.9%**
  11”–15”

- **30.8%**
  16”–25”

- **5.3%**
  26”–35”

- **1.5%**
  36”+

TOP 5 MOST COMMON SPECIES

- **Benjamin Fig** (*Ficus benjamina*)
- **Canary Island Pine** (*Pinus canariensis*)
- **Sweetgum** (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
- **Queen Palm** (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*)
- **Crape Myrtle** (*Lagerstroemia indica*)

The top 5 most common species listed are representative of the current urban forest. Due to climate change and water availability these species may or may not be recommended for future plantings.

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SYLMAR’S UNIQUE AND DISTINCT TREES

Noteworthy trees may represent iconic species, display a unique growth form, or stand out for their size at maturity. These trees provide significant benefits to the neighborhood council district and are listed below.

Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
Abundant Species

Crape myrtle is typically multi-trunked with a spreading or vase shaped canopy. This species is utility friendly, reaching a height of 25 ft. It has beautiful flowers that can be almost any shade of red, purple, pink, or white.

Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
Abundant Species

Sweetgum has a conical shape and can reach a spread of 40 ft and height of 80 ft. This species can exhibit vibrant fall colors. The leaves are lobbed, almost star shaped, and the dried fruits are distinct.

Queen Palm (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*)
Abundant Species

Queen palm can reach a height of 50 ft and a spread of 30 ft. This species has evergreen foliage, smooth light grey to green bark, and showy white flowers. Queen palm is native to Brazil and Argentina.

Canary Island Pine (*Pinus canariensis*)
Abundant Species

Canary Island pine has a columnar growth habit and can reach a height of 80 ft. This evergreen is well adapted to urban environments and produces relatively long needles and large cones.

Inventory Details

To explore the tree inventory, visit streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory

Contact StreetsLA to learn more about Los Angeles’s urban forest, to submit a service request, or to get information on planting or caring for a street tree.