BY THE NUMBERS

City street trees play a vital role in South Central communities. These trees mitigate the negative effects of urbanization and development, and enhance the quality of life within the community. Considering South Central’s 5,288 trees, 190 stumps, and 2,134 vacant sites, the stocking rate is 69.5%. The most abundant type of tree in the inventory is broadleaf (53.4%) which provide the most shade.

5,288

Total Street Trees in South Central

QUICK FACTS

- **$626,432** Annual Total Benefits
- **$502,508** Property Value
- **283,649 lbs** Carbon Dioxide Sequestered Annually
- **1,662 lbs** Air Pollutants Removed Annually
- **2.3 m gallons** Stormwater Runoff Avoided Annually
- **224,047 KWH Saved Annually**
- **4** Number of Trees > 50” Diameter
- **13** Vacant Street Sites > 10’ Wide
- **2,134** Number of Vacant Sites
- **190** Number of Stumps

DIAMETER BREAKDOWN OF SOUTH CENTRAL STREET TREES

- 12.0% 11”–15”
- 18.3% 16”–25”
- 6.9% 26”–35”
- 21.7% 6”–10”
- 1.5% 36”+
- 39.6% 1”–5”

TOP 5 MOST COMMON SPECIES

- Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)
- Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
- Mexican Fan Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)
- Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus microcarpa*)
- Benjamin Fig (*Ficus benjamina*)

Inventory Details

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SOUTH CENTRAL’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.

Indian Laurel Fig *(Ficus microcarpa)*
Abundant Species
Indian laurel fig is a common street tree that reaches a spread of 40 ft. It has an oval or rounded shape, dense evergreen foliage, and smooth grey bark. The fruits attract birds.

Pink Trumpet Tree *(Handroanthus heptaphyllus)*
Abundant Species
The common name, pink trumpet tree, describes the striking pink flowers that bloom in spring or winter. Pink trumpet tree is briefly deciduous, has a round shape, and reaches a spread up to 25 ft.

Jacaranda *(Jacaranda mimosifolia)*
Abundant Species
Jacaranda is known for its showy, fragrant flowers. Jacaranda blooms in the early summer and sometimes again in the fall. This species reaches a spread of 30 ft and attracts birds.

Benjamin Fig *(Ficus benjamina)*
Abundant Species
Benjamin fig is an evergreen tree native to India and Malaysia. This species can provide visual and noise buffering in cityscapes due to its dense foliage. It has an oval shape, weeping branches, and a canopy spread up to 60 ft.

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

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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.