

Platanus racemosa

California Sycamore

TREE - deciduous.
40'+ high, 30' spread.
Often multi-trunked. Majestic.
Mottled, peeling white bark.
Very large palmate leaves turn dusty brown in autumn.
Seed balls hang in long clusters from branches.



Native habitat: along streambeds and water courses below 6500' - Baja California to central California.



Full sun. Frost resistant.
Heat and wind tolerant.
Needs deep water, moist soil.

For large gardens.
Grows rapidly under good conditions.
Nesting habitat for many birds including Nuttall's Woodpecker, Bullock Oriole.
Important for Western Tiger Swallowtail Butterflies.



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