To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees.

~ Theodore Roosevelt
Former U.S. President
It’s not a drought tolerant tree, but with ample water it will grow fairly quickly to 40–50’.  

2b. Apple (Malus domestica)  
~ 4003 Scripps Avenue, right side of the front yard on Scripps Avenue  
Dwarf apple trees, such as this one, are 5–8' tall and wide. They bear fruit at a younger age than standard apple trees. When laden with fruit, it is important to support heavy limbs with a pole to prevent them from breaking. Depending on the variety they’ll ripen somewhere between July and early November.

3a. Pomegranate (Punica granatum)  
~ 4012 Scripps Avenue, 3 trees the right side of the driveway  
A small, deciduous, fruit-bearing tree, the pomegranate is an ancient fruit that originated in the region of Iran to Northern India. This is considered a dwarf variety and grows to a maximum height of 30’.  

3b. Engelmann oak (Quercus engelmannii)  
~ 4012 Scripps Avenue, 2 trees street trees, one on Scripps side and the other on Ben Lomond  
In addition to Engelmann oak this tree is known by two additional common names; Mesa oak and Pasadena oak. It is native to Southern California and the rarest of the native California oak trees. It is not susceptible to sudden oak death.

4. Western Redbud (Cercis occidentalis)  
~ 4005 Ben Lomond Drive, right of the driveway  
A small understory tree native to California’s foothills, it tolerates heat and drought and is often found as a large shrub or small multi-trunked tree. Pink flowers cover the branches in spring before leaves appear. The purplish-brown seed pods ripen in late summer and can remain on the tree until winter.

5. Bigleaf Maple (Acer macrophyllum)  
~ 4017 Ben Lomond Drive, front yard  
A Pacific Coast native whose habitat ranges from California to Alaska. Locally, it grows naturally near streams in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The leaves turn bright yellow in the fall.

6. Cork Oak (Quercus suber)  
~ 4043 Ben Lomond Drive, front yard  
Cork Oak is an evergreen tree native to the Mediterranean. The trunk and main limbs are covered with thick bark that is sustainably harvested to make cork stoppers, flooring, and on occasion, as insulation in NASA spaceships. It can grow to 50’ and is very drought-tolerant once established.

7. Torrey Pine (Pinus torreyana)  
~ 4055 Ben Lomond Drive, right side  
Native to a small stretch of coastline near San Diego and Santa Rosa Island, Torrey pines are the rarest native pine in the United States. Like most pines, the number of needles per bundle and the length of the needles are good keys to identification. Torrey Pines have bundles of 5 needles that are 8–13” long.

8. Brazilian Pepper Tree (Schinus terebinthifolius)  
~ 4073 Ben Lomond Drive, left side against the fence  
A fast-growing deciduous tree that can reach up to 40’ and 35 wide, it has an upright, oval-shaped crown and keeps its leaves longer than most other deciduous ash trees. What looks like a leaf is technically only a leaflet. The long compound leaf is a collection of 7-9 leaflets arranged opposite each other on the stem with a single leaflet at the end, a characteristic of all ash trees.

9. Silver Maple (Acer saccharinum)  
~ 4081 Ben Lomond Drive, right of the driveway  
This deciduous Chinese ornamental tree is one of the fastest growing hardwood trees in the world, up to a height of 40’ – 50’ with a canopy almost as wide. With such large leaves it looks as though it belongs in the tropics but it is somewhat cold hardy. Flower buds form in the fall, lie in wait through winter, then bloom before leaves appear in early spring. Seed capsules are up to 2” long.

10. Chinese Hackberry (Celtis sinensis)  
~ 288 Ferne Avenue, right side  
The glossy leaves and smooth, gray, warty bark distinguishes this tree from the European Hackberry. Inconspicuous flowers are followed by orange, quarter-inch fruit that hang from stems on this fairly drought-tolerant shade tree. The City of Palo Alto stopped planting this as a street tree due to pest issues.