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## Some Random Landscape Thoughts

The heat of summer is upon us and frankly it's here to stay! I for one can appreciate a good shade tree. It provides energy-saving shade and can screen noise, wind and prying eyes from your property. Below is a list of shade-giving trees that will help beat the heat, but also look great with your landscape throughout the entire year.

- 1) **Chinese Flame Tree**— Beautiful yellow flowering tree that is a broad spreading deciduous tree. It's drought tolerant and can reach 20-40 feet.
- 2) **California Pepper Tree**— Fast growing up to 25-40 feet in a few years. Keeps a vibrant color throughout summer and the drooping branches are similar to a Weeping Willow.
- 3) **California Sycamore Tree**— A majestic native with a rapid growth rate of 15-20 feet in 5-10 years.
- 4) **Flowering Pear Tree**— Beautiful spring blooming ornamental tree that requires little attention and attracts a variety of birds. Can reach 35-50 feet.
- 5) **Cork Oak Tree**— Evergreen that can become drought tolerant. It has unique bark that is thick and can be peeled away. Grows up to 20-60 feet.
- 6) **Palo Verde Tree**— Beautiful Native tree tolerant to extreme heat and drought. It can grow a 20 foot canopy while only being 15-20 feet tall.

Happy Landscaping!

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