



- All trees on this sheet are indigenous to the George area. Search for a tree on www.pza.sanbi.org for pictures and more information.
- Choose the right tree for the right place. Check the soil type, wetness, light, wind tolerance and whether infrastructure or services (e.g. pipelines) could be at risk from aggressive roots.
- Select indigenous trees found in your area. Trees from other parts of South Africa may struggle with local conditions, or grow so well they become invasive.
- Prepare the hole. Dig the hole twice as wide, and slightly deeper than the tree's root ball. Loosen the soil and mix it with one part compost to three parts soil. Refill the hole with the mix after placing the tree.
- Create a basin/well to retain water around the tree. Add a layer of 5-10cm organic mulch to retain soil moisture and deter weeds. If the tree is in a windy area, provide a stake to support it. Water enough to keep the root bowl moist.
- Consider companion planting 2 or 3 faster-growing small indigenous trees/shrubs 1m apart, together with a slower-growing target tree to encourage their upward growth and to shelter them from the elements when young.

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Botanical Name	Common Name	Deciduous (seasonal leaf-loss)	Drought Tolerance?	Tolerate Wetness?	Size	Aggressive Root System	Main Routes	Pavements	CBD/Parking Areas	Birds/Bees/Butterflies/Chameleons	Fast Growing	Coastal Areas	Sandy Soils	Clay Soils	Windy Areas	Wind Break	Screening	Notes
Trees in bold are recommended street trees for George		E: Evergreen S: Semi-deciduous D: Deciduous	H: High M: Medium L: Low	Periodic Standing Water	S: Small < 3m M: Medium 3-5m L: Large 7m +	Can damage built infrastructure	Larger open spaces (parks, golf courses)	Narrower spaces, mild roots	Spreading crown / shade / mild roots	Produces nectar, pollen, fruit								
Afrocarpus falcatus ^P	Buteniqua yellowwood	E	M/H	X	L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	Protected tree requires permit for pruning or removal. GM has a
Apodytes dimidiata	White pear	S	M	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Brachylaena discolor</i>	Coast silver oak	E	H	X	M	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Excellent for screening or windbreak, especially in coastal
Buddleja saligna	False olive	E	H	X	M	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Buddleja salviifolia</i>	Sagewood	E	M/H	X	S/M	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Multi-stemmed shrub/tree. Good companion plant. Aromatic
<i>Burchellia bubalina</i>	Wild pomegranate	E	M/H	X	S	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Calodendrum capense	Cape chestnut	S	L/M	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	
<i>Carissa bispinosa</i> (shrub)	Forest num-num	E	M/H	X	S	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	The more widely available <i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> is from KZN / Be cautious of the similar looking exotic <i>Celtis sinensis</i> which can be
Celtis africana	White stinkwood	D	M/H	X	M/L	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	
Cunonia capensis	Red alder, Spoonwood	E	L/M	✓	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Curtisia dentata</i>	Assegai	E	L/M	X	M/L	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Cussonia spicata</i>	Cabbage tree	S	H	X	M	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Diospyros dichrophylla</i>	Star-apple	E	H	X	S/M	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Can be trimmed to form a hedge, or trained to form a more
<i>Diospyros whyteana</i>	Bladder-nut	E	M	X	S	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	
<i>Dodonaea angustifolia</i>	Sand olive	E	H	X	S	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	
Ekebergia capensis	Cape ash	S	M/H	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ficus sur</i>	Cape fig	S	M	✓	L	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Can tolerate waterlogged soils for
<i>Halleria lucida</i>	Tree fuschia	E	L/M	X	S/M	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	Multi-stemmed, so must be trimmed if a traditional tree
Ilex mitis	Cape holly	E	M	✓	M	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	
Kiggelaria africana	Wild peach	E	M/H	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	
<i>Lochnostylis hirta</i>	Coalwood	E	M/H	X	M	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	
<i>Maytenus peduncularis</i>	Cape blackwood	E	M	X	M	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Nuxia floribunda	Forest elder	E	M	✓	M	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ocotea bullata</i> ^P	Black stinkwood	E	M	✓	M	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Needs other trees to make it grow straight towards the light.
<i>Olea capensis</i>	Black ironwood	E	M	X	L	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	Needs other trees to make it grow straight towards the light
<i>Olea europaea africana</i>	African wild olive	E	H	X	M	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Olinia ventosa</i>	Hard pear	E	M	X	M	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Pittosporum viridiflorum</i> ^P	Cheesewood	E	M	X	M	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	
<i>Platylophus trifoliatus</i>	White elder	E	L/M	✓	M/L	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Excellent nectar makes sought
Podocarpus latifolius ^P	Real yellowwood	E	L/M	X	L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Pterocelastrus tricuspidatus</i>	Candlewood	E	M	X	M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Rapanea melanophloeos	Cape beech	E	L/M	X	L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Searsia chirindensis</i>	Red currant	S	M	X	M	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	
<i>Searsia pallens</i>	Ribbed kuni-bush	E	M/H	X	S/M	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> ^P	White milkwood	E	H	X	M/L	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Strelitzia alba</i>	Cape strelitzia	E	H	✓	M/L	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	Note the more widely available <i>Strelitzia nicolai</i> is from
<i>Tarchonanthus littoralis</i>	Coastal camphor bush	E	H	X	S/M	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Trimeria grandifolia</i>	Wild mulberry	S	M	X	S	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	
Vepris lanceolata	White ironwood	E	M	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	
Virgilia spp.	Keurboom	E	M	X	M/L	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Short-lived (12-20 yrs). But this tree is fast growing with other