

# California

## 2012 State Report



California's State Tree is the California Redwood.

### California State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members  
in California: **34,865**



**TREE CITY USA®**

### Program in California:

Tree City USA Communities: **141**  
Total population served: **16,931,816**

Largest Tree City USA in California:  
**Los Angeles, population 3,900,000**

Smallest Tree City USA in California:  
**Weed, population 3,000**

Tree Line USA Utilities: **10**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **4**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **9**

**California celebrates Arbor Day  
March 7-14.**

### Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.



Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at [natureexplore.org](http://natureexplore.org)). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in California, please visit [natureexplore.org/classrooms](http://natureexplore.org/classrooms).

### California Members Plant 171,001 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 34,865 California members have helped plant more than 171,001 trees across the state last year.

Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in California have added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs, and created a more livable community.



## Klamath National Forest

Covering more than 1.7 million acres in northwestern California is Klamath National Forest. The forest includes five designated Wilderness Areas, four National Recreation Trails, and 200 miles of rivers designated under the nation's Wild and Scenic River System. Recreational opportunities on the forest are endless: hunting, fishing, rafting, camping, backpacking and sightseeing are available in all seasons.

The forest has been inundated by several forest fires in recent years. These fires have severely damaged thousands of acres of pristine forestland. New trees are needed to restore critical watersheds that protect municipal water supplies and threatened fisheries, and to reestablish habitat for nearly 400 animal species including the endangered northern spotted owl.

Approximately 4,700 acres of the Klamath forest has been replanted with seven different types of species. This was made possible by Arbor Day Foundation partners and donors and has been a successful project.



## Tree Campus USA

College and Universities across the United States can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

The following California colleges have been recognized as Tree Campus USA Schools:

- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Redlands

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at [arborday.org/treecampususa](http://arborday.org/treecampususa).



## California Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in California because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. California boasts 141 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, California's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$105,816,462 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 16 million California residents who live in those communities. The dedication of California's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.

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