



# MEMBERNEWS

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## August 2019 PTCA Tree Walk Details

Summer has flown by, and with it our Summer Tree Walk Series draws to a close for another year. Join us on August 6 for the final PTCA Tree Walk of 2019.

This month, guest speaker Quint Driscoll (joined by Dan Simpson) will discuss the trees of Santee Lakes. Quint is a PTCA member and an employee of Padre Dam water district. He will guide our group on an hour-long tour of the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, where we will see their water efficiency garden and trees in that location.

The Padre Dam Municipal Water District built Santee Lakes to demonstrate the promise of water recycling. Two million gallons of water each day is recycled at the Ray Stoyer Water Reclamation Facility north of Santee Lakes, and the water flows through

Santee Lakes which creates a unique recreation area. After making its way through the Lakes, approximately 50% of the water is used at the local golf course, city parks and schools.

This has increased the community's water supply with no burden on taxpayers or ratepayers while reducing the wastewater stream and processing costs.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, August 6, on our 'Trees of Santee Lakes' Tree Walk. We will meet at 5:15, near the entrance to Santee Lakes, at 9300 Fanita Parkway in Santee.

Please visit our website at [www.ptcasandiego.org](http://www.ptcasandiego.org) to register, or contact our office at 714.639.6516. Don't miss this great opportunity to network with other local commercial arborists and learn something new!

### PTCA Summer Tree Walk Series August Tree Walk Details

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Location: **Santee Lakes**  
9300 Fanita Parkway  
Santee, CA

Cost: Free for Members

Register: [www.ptcasandiego.org](http://www.ptcasandiego.org)

**Tree Walk Begins 5:30 PM**  
Arrive between 5:15 - 5:30

**Scheduled Topic**  
The Trees of Santee Lakes  
*Quint Driscoll & Dan Simpson*

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*Photo: Dan Simpson*

### INDUSTRY NEWS

## What trees to plant? Street trees for Southern California! Meeting on August 7

Street Tree Seminar, Inc. has released the Third Edition of Street Trees Recommended For Southern California. Tim Crothers, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and Plant Health Care Manager assisted in the publication of this new book and will highlight his presentation, Top Ten New Trees in the Third Edition, and a Few Old Favorites. He'll discuss the pros and cons of many of the trees in the book and will encourage attendees to reconsider all facets of tree selection and maintenance in the urban environment.

This meeting will be held in the War Memorial Building within Balboa Park. The first announcement was sent with an incorrect location, and this will be corrected in future publications. Parking is in north edge of San Diego Zoo parking lot.

Tim Crothers is the Plant Health Care Manager for West Coast Arborists, Inc. in Anaheim, managing municipal tree pest control, fertilization, diagnostics, arborist reports, tree risk assessments, and inventory data collection programs. Crothers is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist with utility and municipal specialties, holds a Qualified Applicator License, and is a Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. He has been with WCA since 2012, and prior to that worked as a Branch and Area Manager for TruGreen Landcare in Gardena and Project Manager for Landscape Development, Inc. in southern California.

To register for this meeting, please visit the San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council website at [sdrufc.com](http://sdrufc.com).

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## About the PTCA of San Diego

**OUR MISSION** is to improve our community's quality of life by making our urban forest safer and more beautiful through education and proper tree care.



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**EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS** are held on the first Tuesday of each month. During the summer months, arboricultural tours ("Tree Walks") are featured throughout San Diego County.

We are in the process of selecting a new meeting location. Until a permanent venue has been chosen, we will meet at Filippi's Pizza Grotto (Scripps Ranch), located at 9969 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego.

The cost to attend general meetings is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Summer Tree Walks are free of charge. Information for upcoming meetings is available at our website at [www.ptcasandiego.org](http://www.ptcasandiego.org), and in our monthly newsletter.

CEUs are available!

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**PTCA ANNUAL SEMINAR & FIELD DAY** is held every August, featuring industry experts bringing the latest research and information to San Diego's historic Balboa Park.

Cosponsored by the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego and City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, this is your best local opportunity to get information or training in your field of tree care.

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## 2019 San Diego County Fair

### 'Proper Tree Care' Information Booth at the Flower & Garden Show

This year, PTCA staffed the 'Proper Tree Care' Information booth for a total of eight days. These days included two weekends (Friday - Sunday) in June, and two days (Monday - Tuesday) in July.

Once again, the booth was located next to the Rare Fruit Growers and not far from the County Master Gardeners. This allows cross referrals, as it has for decades, for specific issues brought to these three botanical science information sources.

A good cross-section of our members volunteered to staff the booth, and we had volunteers present every day we reserved the space.

Shifts were the same this year as they have been in the past, a morning shift from 10AM - 2PM, and an afternoon shift from 2PM - 6PM.

#### PTCA PERSPECTIVES

### Tree Fund Tour des Trees 2019

The 2019 Tour des Trees will be on the road and rolling from September 16 to September 20, 2019. This year's tour will feature five days of riding beginning and ending in Nashville, Tennessee, with planned overnight stops in Bowling Green, Owensboro, Hopkinsville (all in Kentucky) and Clarksville, Tennessee. Daily mileage will range between 55 miles and 110 miles, with two anticipated century days. You can subscribe for real-time information on the 2019 route and ride here.

Support our fellow PTCA Member Bob Squibb! You can donate to his Everyday Hero crowdfunding page, online at: <https://tour-des-trees-2019.everydayhero.com/us/bob-squibb>

**About the TREE Fund:** TREE Fund is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to support scientific discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in the fields of arboriculture and urban forestry. Since its inception in 2002, TREE Fund has distributed over \$3.3 million in funding. Knowledge gained from TREE Fund research directly impacts tree care practices, arborists' techniques and

The volunteers are listed below, with their number of shifts:

- Monica Bockman (1)
- Evan Sims (1)
- Kurt Brickley (1)
- Tina Stout (1)
- Brad Brown (4)
- Stan Baczynski (3)
- Dave Ephron (1)
- Tiffany Faulstich (1)
- Delia Juncal (1)
- Ron Matranga (1)
- Rachele Melious (2)
- Kurt Peacock (1)

There were varying numbers of interested fairgoers, who stopped at our ASK THE ARBORIST booth about their tree issues. Most were given Arbor Day or ISA brochures to take home and read more, after discussions with PTCA ar-

borist members. All brochures included a PTCA contact label, and PTCA business cards were also given for referrals for needed tree work. Thanks, Danny Simpson for updating those labels and business cards.

I believe PTCA had another successful outreach to the public to inform what proper tree work can do to ensure all the benefits trees can provide in our communities of San Diego County.

Next up? Training for the professionals at our Annual Seminar & Field Day. Keep learning!!!

Many thanks to all the volunteers, especially those who staffed multiple shifts.

Stan Baczynski

20 year Fair Booth Coordinator.

#### INDUSTRY NEWS

### Save the Date!

California State University, Pomona, is pleased to announce that we are hosting the 2019 Southern California Summit in Arboriculture Opportunities (SCSAO) this coming Fall. SCSAO's cornerstone program is a one-day summit the first Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Agriscapes Conference Center on the CalPoly Pomona campus. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of opportunities in the Agricultural subdiscipline of Arboriculture. This will be an interactive, hands-on experience, in keeping with the Huntley College of Agriculture's motto of 'Learn by Doing'.

Check the Cal Poly Agriscapes website for updates, more information coming soon! [www.cpp.edu/~agriscapes](http://www.cpp.edu/~agriscapes)



people's lives every day.

*Bob's Story:*

*"I've created this page because I want to make a difference. I'm inspired by the work of TREE Fund and wanted to support them by raising money as part of my participation in Tour des Trees 2019. Please help me help them by giving whatever you can using the 'Give Now' button. The more people that know about TREE Fund, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word by sharing my page with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!"*



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## July Tree Walk Summary



Our July Tree Walk at Kit Carson Park in Escondido only attracted about a dozen arborists. We met at the Tree Lake area of the park and looked at the trees through this picnic area.

Despite the smaller turnout, we had some familiar faces from the past. As a long time professor of arboriculture, it is especially gratifying to recognize faces from the past and the classroom. They have made great strides on their careers with trees.

Our leader and narrator was Chris Guenther, the Escondido City Arborist, who provided insights into the park history and the trees there. Chris is one of those who got started with tree care at a young age and progressed into a long term career with trees. That seems to be a common theme. Those who engage with tree work at a young age, and embrace the hard work, will develop a passion for it that allows them to grow into a career they never imagined. These tree walks are a great way to network, connect and share stories like Chris's. Our area is also rich in early history of California.

First peoples of the Acorn Culture were the earliest inhabitants of Kit Carson Park. Most waterways with oak forests were popular with early humans for the subsistence they offered.

The park itself is named after

Christopher (Kit) Carson, the famous scout who guided Captain John C. Fremont over the Sierra Nevada Mountains during a government exploration expedition. The park is situated in a valley that is approximately five miles west of where Kit Carson fought in the Battle of San Pasqual. A historical monument commemorating the battle is located on Mule Hill, one mile south-east of the park.

The City of Escondido acquired the land for its largest regional park from the City of San Diego in 1967. One hundred acres of the park have been developed and 185 acres have been preserved as natural habitat.

Escondido creek flows from North Escondido through the park on its way to Laker Hodges. Removal of invasive species from the creek bed is a continual project and some areas are posted with signs warning of poison oak. Those signs seem like a good way to reduce random public incursion into a wildlife habitat.

Reclaimed water is used throughout the park and occasionally some trees will show symptoms of tip burn, due to the increased salinity. Chris explained that severity varies by species and irrigation cycle. We saw some possible tip burn on a Coast Live Oak but the *Albizia* (our July Tree of the Month) and Magnolia were flowering nicely. Our heavy rains this winter helped reduce symptoms.

The most common shade tree in use for this picnic area is the California Pepper, *Schinus molle*. Most trees were male specimens, which do not produce the red berries, but they make good shade so that is where tables are placed and human activity is focused. I always look at the basal trunk section

to see if any conks are forming. I did not see any *Ganoderma* conks. The soil compaction is obvious, the result of heavy foot traffic around the tables. Not every tree has tables so perhaps there is a rotational roster to reduce the impact of table sites.

Some urban forestry funding has resulted in young trees being installed to produce more shade. Staking practices were discussed as we saw the different methods used to support the new trees.

Tree ID was fairly simple on most trees. There are quite a few large mature Red Gum Eucalyptus around the various athletic fields but we saw two unusual Eucalyptus specimens on our walk. A White Ironbark, *Euc. Leucoxylon*, and a Nichol's willow-leaved peppermint, *Euc. Nicholii*. We discussed the various traits of each species from bark to seed capsules. Some browned patterns around the perimeter of the turf and on large weeds in mulched areas indicated some type of chemical application. Noticing differences in appearance is a good way to develop a diagnostic eye for detail. As we started our wrap up, we discussed some recent tree failures at various locations around the county.

A big 'Thank You' to Chris Guenther, Escondido City Arborist, who provided insights into what we saw at the park and shared some of his career experiences. Old time tree guys are full of stories, but that's where some of the key lessons are hidden.

Be sure join us next month. Our August tree walk will be at the Efficiency Garden at Santee Lakes. Several of the trees there have a surprise wildlife function. Our tour leader will be PTCA member Quint Driscoll. He will share some before and after histories about the trees around the administration building for the Padre Dam Water District and of course the wildlife support secret.

-Dan Simpson, Edu. Chair



*The Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego  
and the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department are  
co-sponsoring the*

## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar and Field Day** **Celebrating our 30 years of PTCA Seminars**

**August 16 and 17, 2019**

**Balboa Park Club ~ San Diego, CA**

**Seminar: Friday, August 16, 2019, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Rd W, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA**

- 7:00** Registration and Refreshments
- 7:30** Welcome and Introductions
- 7:45** **KEYNOTE:** Urban Forestry Management: Paul Johnson, Texas Forest Service
- 9:45** Morning Break
- 10:00** **Managing Trees in Challenging Environments:** Igor Lacan, University of California Cooperative Extension
- 11:30** **PTCA Awards Presentation**
- 12:00** **Lunch by** Bekker's BBQ
- 1:00** **Life of Consulting Arborist:** Ron Matranga, Atlas Tree Care
- 2:00** **Palm Pests:** Mark Hoddle, University of California at Riverside
- 2:45** Afternoon Break
- 3:00** **Managing Risk in Trees:** Kevin Eckert, ArborGlobal
- 4:00** Completion of CEU Forms and Adjourn

**Two Day  
Event!  
Attend  
Either or  
Both Days!**

**Field Day: Saturday, August 17, 2019, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park, San Diego, California**

**7:00** Registration / Vendor Displays and Equipment Demonstrations

	Track I	Track II	Track III
	Arborist – English	Tree Worker	Tree Worker
<b>7:30</b>	Being a Professional (Bilingual) – Paul Johnson		
<b>8:15</b>	Basic soil evaluation: from the field to the lab, and back – Igor Lacan	Innovative Climbing and Techniques - Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan	Groundman Responsibilities - UTCA
		Chainsaw Safety & Work Positioning - Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan	Climbing Techniques: Beginners & Advanced - UTCA
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>10:15</b>	Tree walk with Kevin Eckert	Groundman Responsibilities - UTCA	Innovative Climbing and Techniques - Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan
		Climbing Techniques: Beginners & Advanced - UTCA	Chainsaw Safety & Work Positioning - Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch by</b> Rodriguez Taquizas		
<b>1:00</b>	Site Assessments for Arborists – David Kelley	Precision Felling – Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan	Gear Junkie Corner - UTCA
<b>2:00</b>	Case Studies: Ron Matranga	Gear Junkie Corner - UTCA	Precision Felling – Jared Abrojena & Patrick Morgan
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Raffle and CEUs</b>		

**Continuing Education Units** available at both the seminar and field day for: ISA: Arborists and Tree Workers  
DPR: PCA, QAC, and QAL  
TCIA: Certified Tree Care Safety Professionals

**FREE PARKING** available in lots near the Balboa Park Club.  
Seminar and Field Day Locations are Handicapped Accessible  
**NO RECRUITING ALLOWED**



## Getting a Feel for the Silk Tree (*Albizia julibrissin*)

Our Tree of the month for July is *Albizia julibrissin* – otherwise known as Silk Tree or Mimosa tree. *Albizia* is a member of the large *Fabaceae* family. Although native to SW and East Asia, it does well in our area; as we saw on a recent tree walk at Kit Carson Park in Escondido.

This fast-growing tree species can produce up to three feet of growth per year. Once established, it develops a spreading canopy that reaches a width almost equal to its height of about 35 feet. The bi-pinnately compound foliage although deciduous, with its tiny leaflets, produces welcome shade in the late spring and summer.

The medium green canopy of moderate shade also shows off the terminal blossoms. These rose-pink to white filaments of staminate flowers look like delicate powder puffs. They appear from late spring to summer with fruit following afterward.

Some consider this species messy in the landscape due to the litter created by fallen flower strands and the thin brown pods of seed. This dry, tan-colored fruit is most noticeable once the tree has lost its foliage but they usually fall off by the next flowering cycle.

This shade producing tree species

has a life span of less than 50 years, but that can be affected by less than optimum conditions. The silk tree tolerates a wide variety of conditions, from moist to dry soils and a range of pH extremes. It will grow reasonably well with any warm climate like we have from our lower foothills to the coast. If there is any short periodic frost it will be affected but can recover.

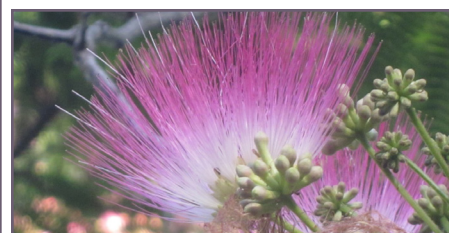
You should keep watch on the smooth dark gray bark for the tiny telltale holes of the Invasive Shot Hole Borer. This insect, *Euwallacea* sp. arrived here only a few years ago but has already had a huge impact on the inventory list of urban tree species for Southern California. This tiny beetle spreads a *Fusarium* fungus when it attacks susceptible hosts. This tree species is also affected by *Armillaria* and Root Rot. So be sure to monitor soil moisture levels, since excess overwatering can promote root rot.

For those interested in wildlife support, *Albizia* attracts birds but young trees are not palatable to browsing deer. We also do not have the caterpillar problems that occur back east.

I think the best urban landscape use of this species will be as a shade tree in open areas rather than as a street tree where the

low spreading canopy can be a problem. The scaffold branches are not especially strong, so climbers beware! Also, potential root damage to hardscape or mowing equipment is also a possible occurrence. This tree is one to consider for urban use.

As always tree folk can check out this tree species and others of interest at: <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/albizia-julibrissin>.



Some consider this species messy in the landscape due to the litter created by fallen flower strands and the thin brown pods of seed. Photo: Dan Simpson

### INDUSTRY NEWS

## New Standards Projects Initiated by ANSI A300 Committee

The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 committee have initiated new standards projects for the following:

**Part 3 Supplemental Support Systems**, which applies to installation and maintenance of tree support systems, including cabling, bracing, and guying. This standard addresses:

- Tools and equipment
- Cabling objectives
- Types of cabling systems
- Bracing objectives
- Dead-end bracing
- Through-bracing
- Guying established trees
- Guying newly transplanted trees
- Tree-to-ground guying
- Tree-to-tree guying
- Propping trees and branches
- Hardware sizing and selection tables

**Part 8 Root Management**, which seeks to improve the quality, life expectancy, and safety of trees by promoting and facilitating the care of roots. This standard addresses:

- Trenching near a tree
- Root pruning to mitigate tripping hazards and infrastructure damage
- Managing stem-girdling and stem-circling roots

ANSI requires that approved standards be developed according to accepted principles, and that they be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every five years. ANSI A300 standards are considered the final authority in civil courts and by most dispute arbitration systems. For more information about these standards and details on how they can be ordered through TCIA, contact [A300@tcia.org](mailto:A300@tcia.org).



## 'Stand Clear' With Communication

Rose Epperson

"Stand clear....All clear" - a familiar call and response heard on job sites every day and quite possibly the best example of the communication process. As business owners and managers, we expect our employees to utilize the communication process - in fact, it's mandatory. However, are we practicing the same diligence when we communicate with others?

First: the basic definition of management. As managers we are tasked with getting organized, planning, setting priorities, allocating time, delegating work, getting help and developing tracking systems. That is quite a job description! Sounds daunting. A more formal definition of management might be: *Coordination of resources through planning, organizing, influencing and controlling in order to achieve understood and stated goals and objectives.* We've looked at planning, organizing, and leadership, so this issue I would like to focus on communication, part of the influencing aspect of management. Influencing deals with the human resource through Motivation, Leadership, Communication and Teambuilding.

Let's look at the communication process. A simple definition could be the transfer of information and understanding from one person to another. It is an activity that each of us do a lot of both on the jobsite, in the office, and with our clients. Miscommunication is the number one cause of conflict. One study found that 81% of a manager's time in a typical work day is spent communicating. With competing priorities it behooves us to master the communication process and become an efficient communicator. When your intended message is accurately understood by the other person, you are an effective communicator.

How many times have you found yourself saying, or at least thinking, - "Didn't you understand me?" - "That's not what I wanted - weren't you listening to me?" Actually they probably were listening - and understood what they thought you meant. Communica-

tion can be tricky. Let's look at the process in detail.

### IT STARTS WITH THE SENDER

The sender encodes (or prepares) a message using the appropriate symbols for the method of communication (Speak, Act, Write). The Message is filtered by the sender where their own education, experience, skills, and background influence the message.

### MESSAGE IS SENT

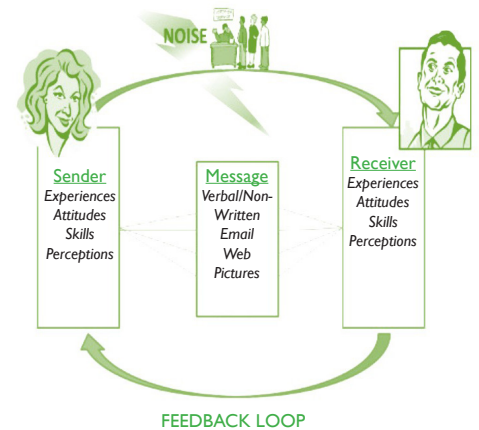
Message Transmission can be disrupted by barriers; namely, technical, semantics, and psychological. Technical barriers comprise of timing, overload, or cultural differences. Semantics are the actual meanings of the words used to convey the message; misinterpretation could lead to another barrier. Finally, psychological barriers could be seen as a lack of trust in the message or sender, or the recipient hearing what they want instead of what the sender intended.

### MESSAGE IS RECEIVED

As a message is received, it goes through the receiver's filters of education, experience, skills, and background. Mind you, these filters may be similar, complementary or contrary to those of the sender, adding a level of complexity to the process.

### MESSAGE IS DECODED (UNDERSTOOD) BY THE RECEIVER

When the message is received, the



receiver will attach meaning to each phrase in order to interpret or understand the message. The receiver uses opposite means of communication - Listen, Watch, Read - depending upon the medium used by the sender.

### FEEDBACK

Feedback is action resulting from communication; if the action is unexpected or incorrect, this is a sign of faulty communication. **FAULTY COMMUNICATION IS ALWAYS THE FAULT OF THE SENDER!!!** The best way to avoid faulty communication and the stress (and loss of production) that results from it is to ensure your message is received and understood. But how? Ask questions, request that the receiver give you an overview of what they heard, read or saw, and what steps are required as a result.

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### Upcoming Industry Events

**August 7, 2019**

Street Trees for SoCal  
San Diego, CA  
[www.sdrufc.com](http://www.sdrufc.com)

**August 9-11, 2019**

International Tree  
Climbing Championships  
Knoxville, TN  
[www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)

**August 11-14, 2019**

ISA Annual Conference  
Knoxville, TN  
[www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)

**August 13-14, 2019**

CTSP Workshop  
Arcadia, CA  
[www.tcia.org](http://www.tcia.org)

**August 16-17, 2019**

PTCA Annual Seminar & Field Day  
San Diego, CA  
[www.ptcasandiego.org](http://www.ptcasandiego.org)

**September 20, 2019**

Assessing Trees for Value & Safety  
Anaheim, CA  
[www.wcisa.net](http://www.wcisa.net)

**September 26, 2019**

CaUFC Annual Conference:  
Growing Great Neighborhoods in CA  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
[caufc.org](http://caufc.org)

**November 7-8, 2019**

Desert Green XXIII  
Las Vegas, NV  
[www.desert-green.org](http://www.desert-green.org)

**November 13-16, 2019**

CLCA Annual Conference  
Lake Tahoe, CA  
[www.clca.org](http://www.clca.org)

**December 6, 2019**

2019 Southern California Summit in  
Arboriculture Opportunities  
CalPoly Pomona  
[www.cpp.edu/~agriscapes](http://www.cpp.edu/~agriscapes)

### UPCOMING PTCA MEETINGS 2019 SUMMER TREE WALK SERIES

JUNE

June 4, 2019  
San Diego Zoo:  
Africa Rocks  
Dan Simpson

JULY

July 2, 2019  
Escondido Park  
Chris Gunther

AUGUST

August 6, 2019  
Santee Lakes  
Quint Driscoll

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