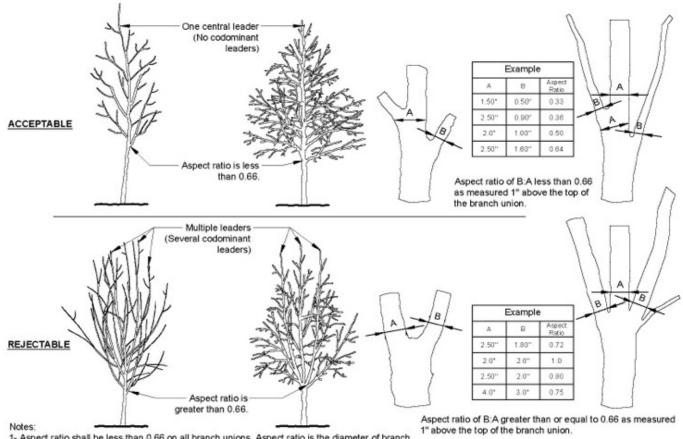


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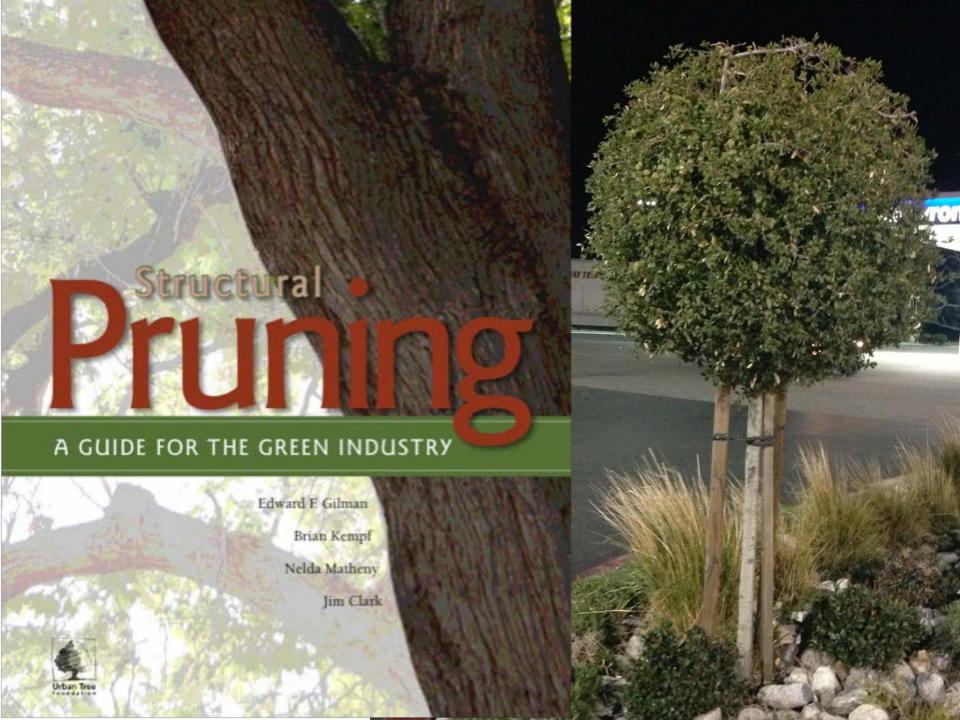
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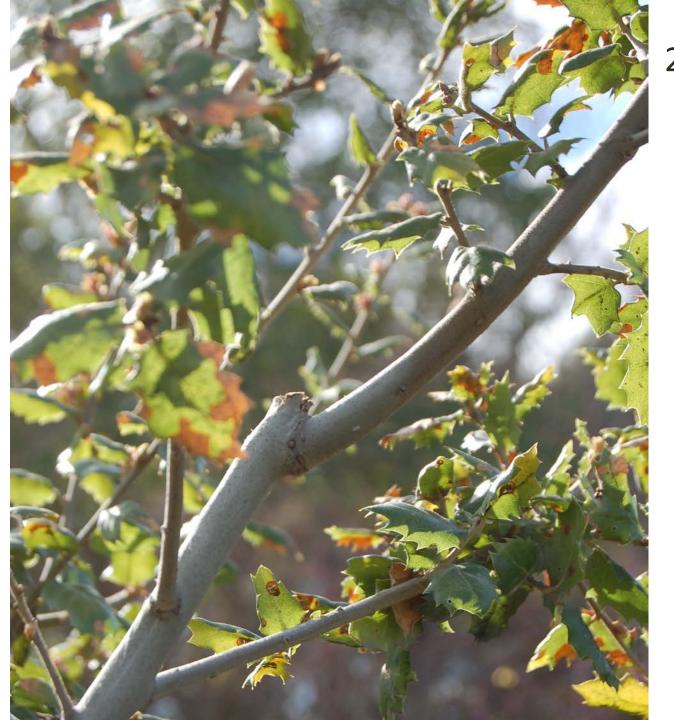






































































































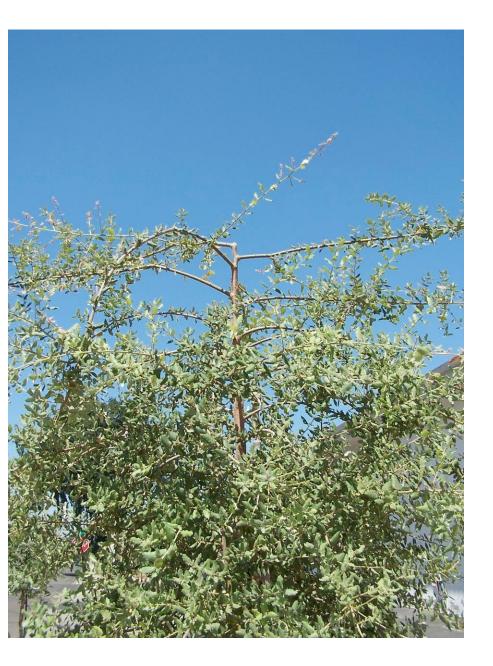


















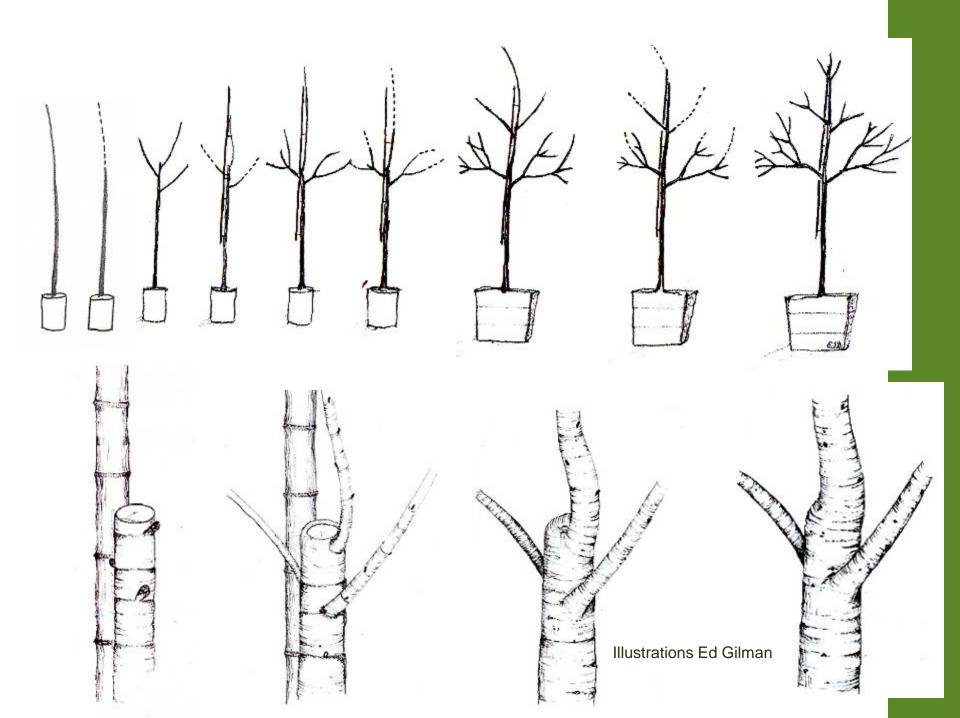


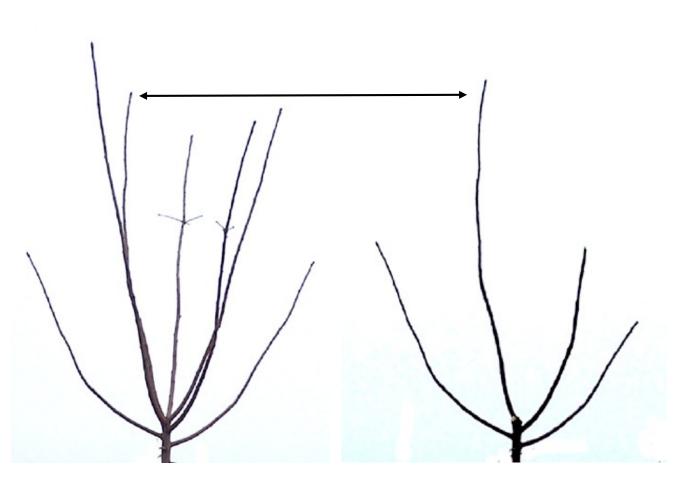












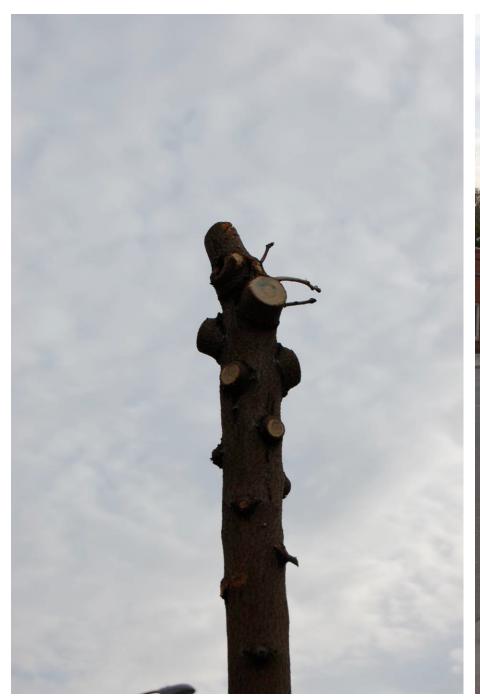








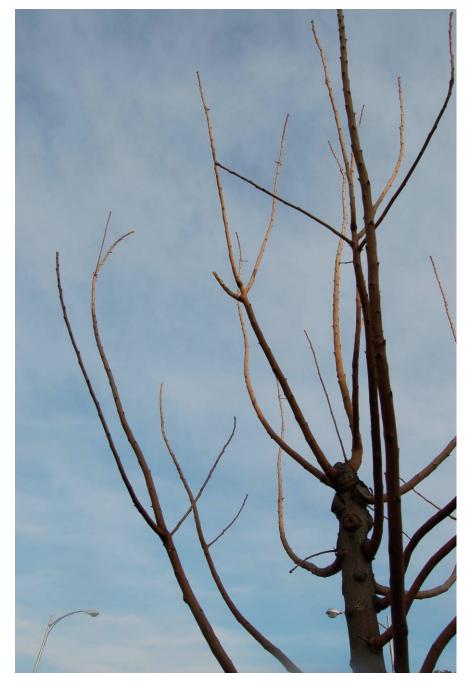










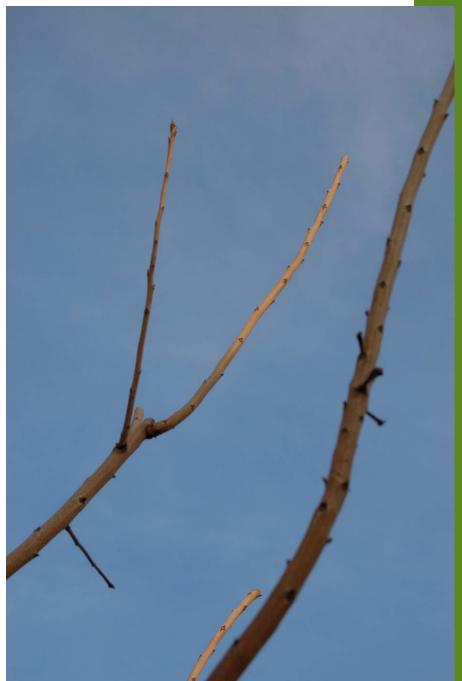






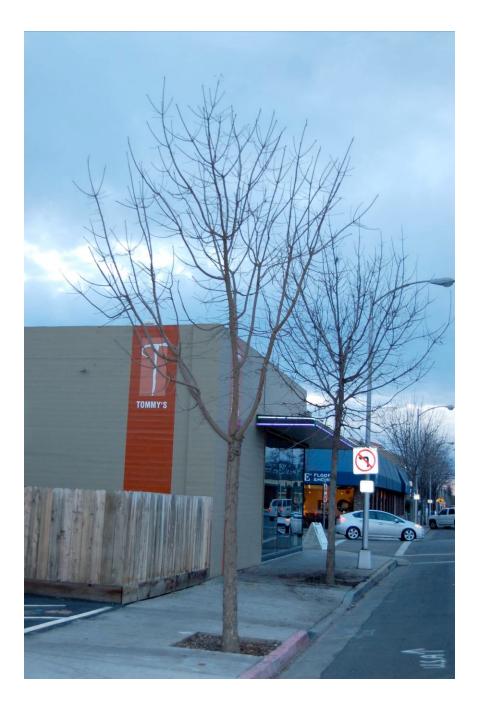


























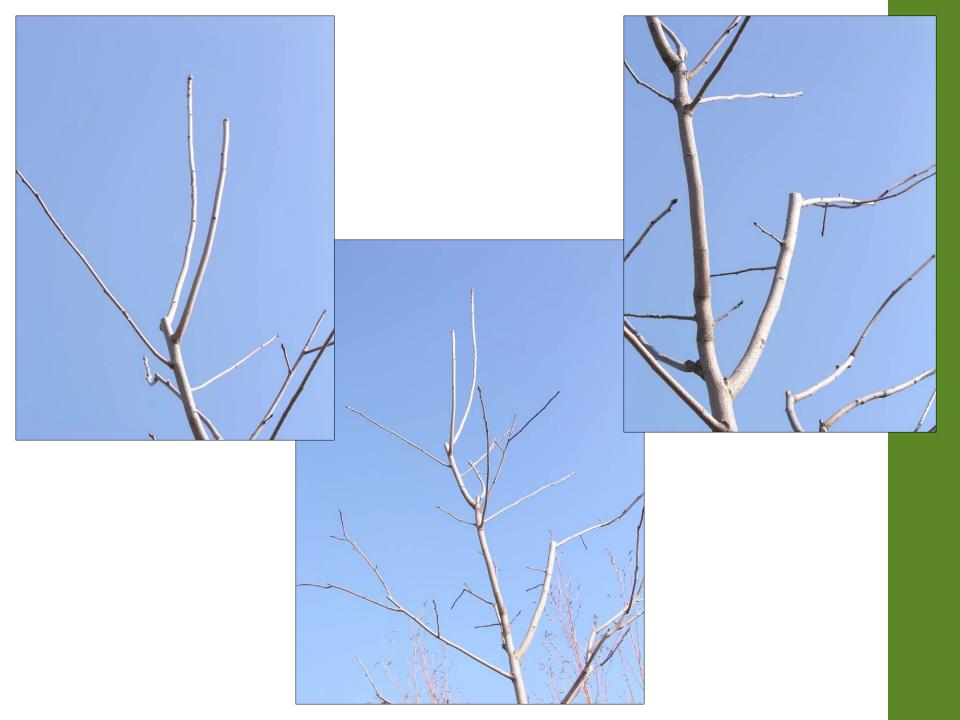




















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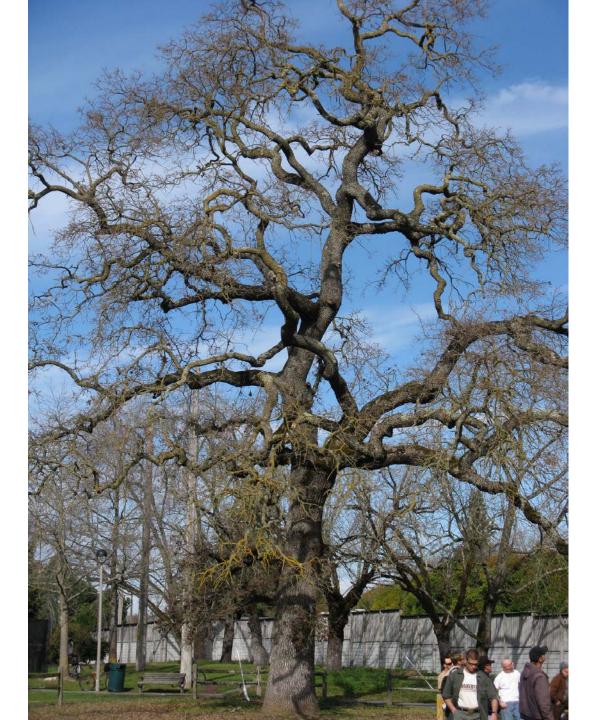




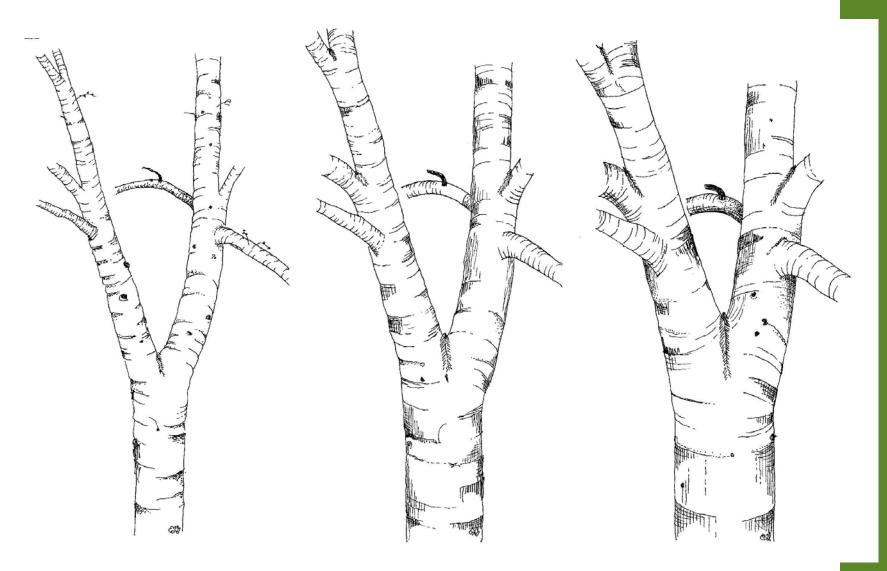




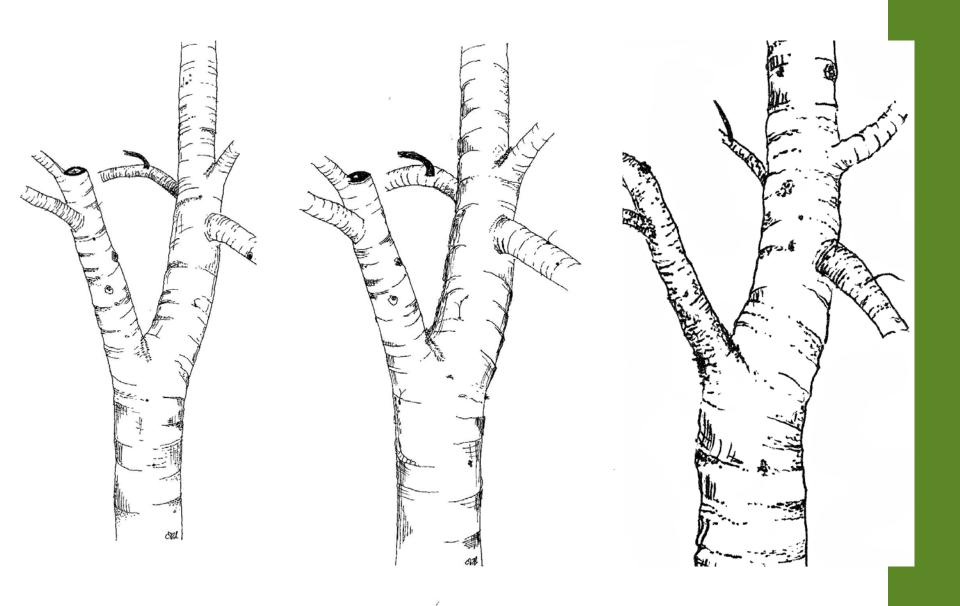




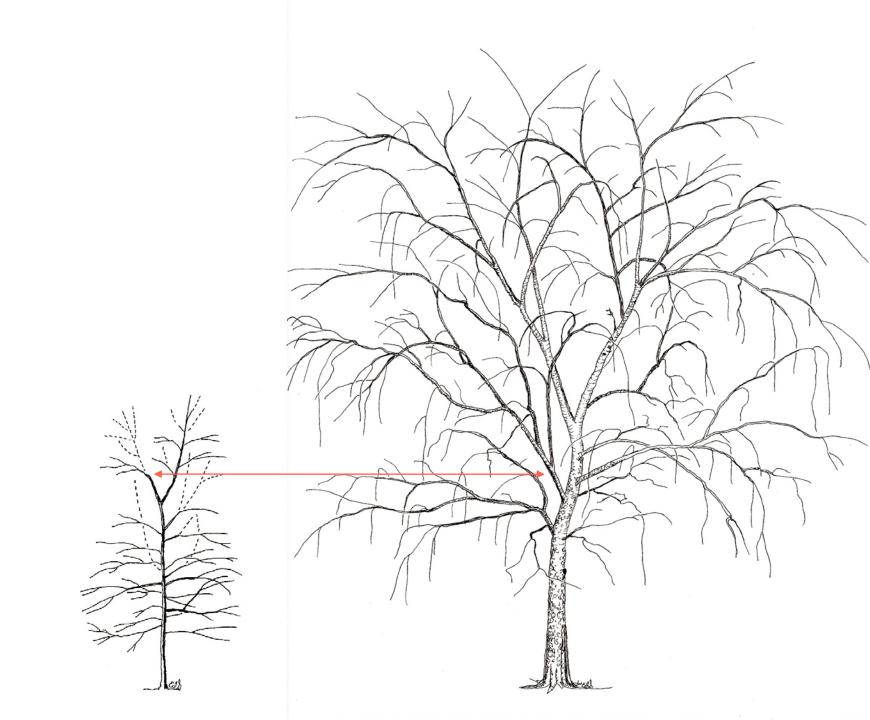


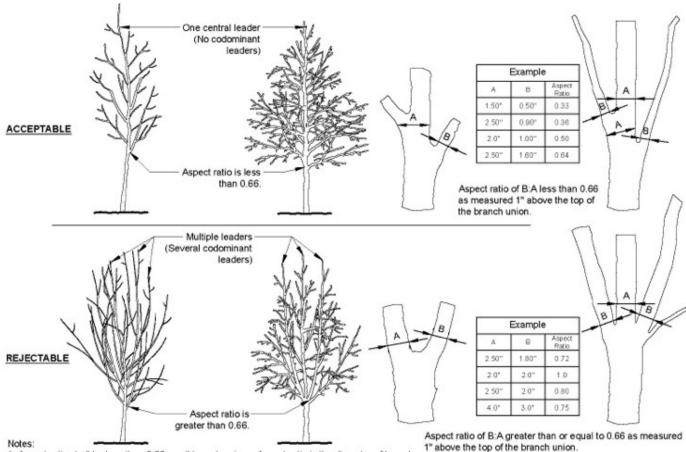


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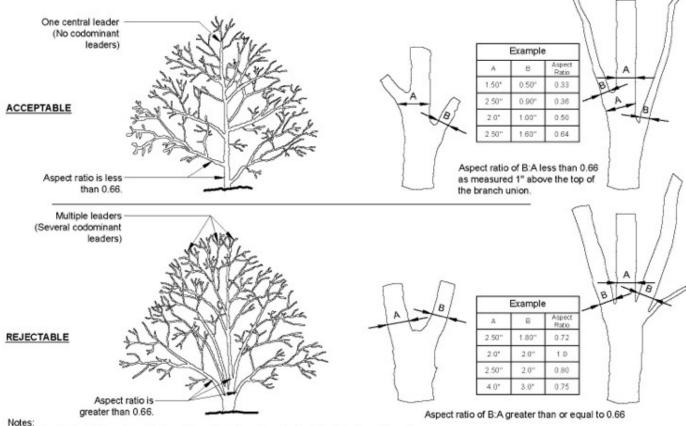


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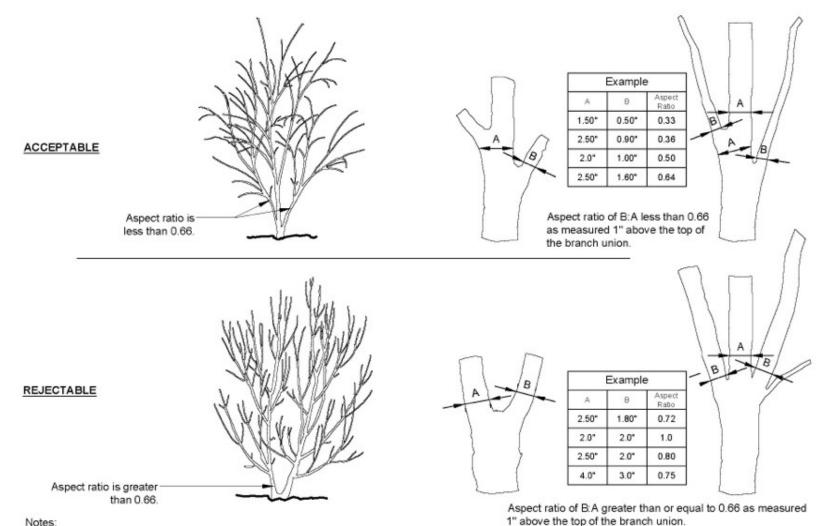
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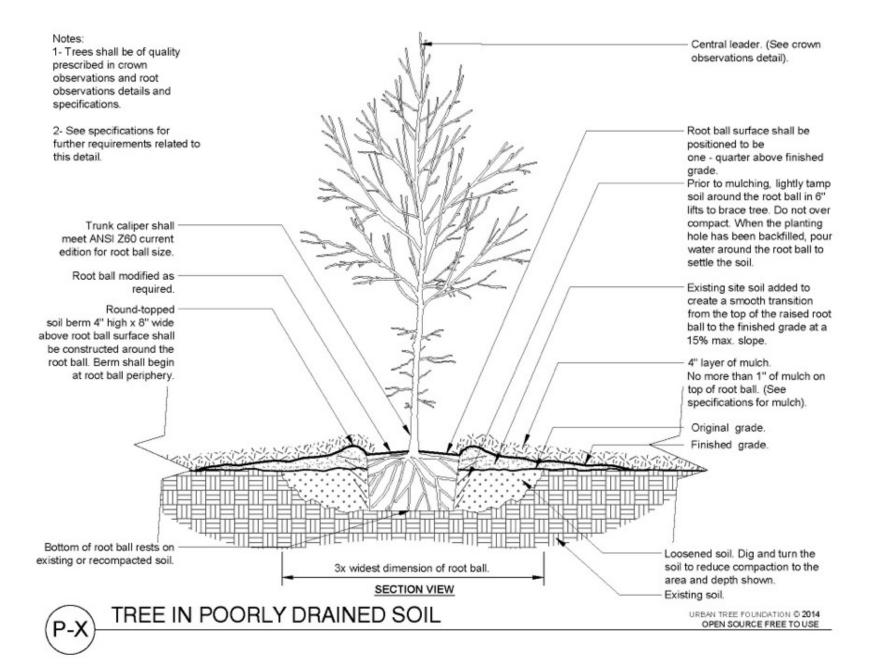


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## CROWN OBSERVATION DETAIL - MULTI









### Guideline Specifications for Nursery Tree Quality

#### Selecting Quality Nursery Stock

A committee comprised of municipal arborists, urban foresters, murserymen, U.C. Cooperative Extension horticultural advisors, landscape architects, non-profit tree groups, horticultural consultants, etc., developed the attached specifications to ensure high quality landscape trees. After more than a year of work, they succeeded in drafting a document entitled Specification Guidelines for Container-grown Trees for California. This document will be published and the guidelines promoted throughout the nursery and landscape industry. Its intent is to help landscape professionals develop their own comprehensive and detailed specifications to ensure that they obtain high quality container-grown nursery trees. The document is also intended to help nursery professionals in their efforts to improve the quality of trees grown in California. These specifications can be modified for specific simulations.

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## Strategies for growing a high quality root system, trunk and canopy in a container nursery









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# **Additional Information:**

- Urban Tree Foundation PDF and CAD details and specifications: <a href="http://www.urbantree.org/">http://www.urbantree.org/</a>
- International Society of Arboriculture many resources for tree owners, arborists, contractors, planners and developers: <a href="http://www.isa-arbor.com/">http://www.isa-arbor.com/</a>