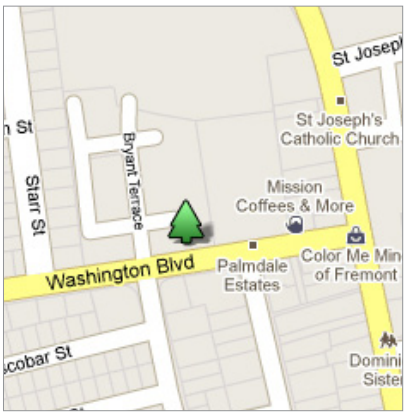
Schinus molle

California Pepper Tree

201 Washington Boulevard
Mission San Jose District



Approximate location on map.

Trunk detail close-up.

Photo Taken: September 2010

MSJ-19 TREE INFORMATION/September 2010

HEIGHT: Average 25 ft.

SPREAD: Average 40 ft.

DBH: Average 3 ft. 11 in.

QUANTITY: Row of 8

NATIVE TO: Peruvian Andes in South America

LANDMARK DATE: March 17, 1972

A row of these landmark trees are located near the entrance of Palmdale Estates, which was originally part of the Old San Jose Mission garden.

The California Pepper is an evergreen tree. It was brought to California by Spanish padres during the Missionary period. In the beginning of summer, flowers appear followed by red berries in great quantities, leading to the colloquial name "Pepper-tree."[17]