

California Tree Seed Zones

The Numbers

The first digit of the seed zone three-digit numeric designates the physiographic and climatic region. The second digit designates the physiographic and climatic sub-region, with the exception of the 900 series, where the second digit represents the region. The third digit designates the local zone.

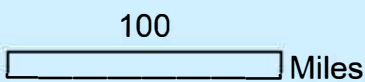
The Guidelines

Seed should be selected from within the zone where planting or seeding is to be done. Use caution when introducing seed from outside the planting zone. Use seed from within ± 500 feet elevation of the planting or seedling location. Climate-adapted seed lot selection tools are available at the [USDA California Climate Hub](#).

An [online look-up tool](#) is available to accurately identify your seed zone and 500' elevation band. Additional information is available on the [CAL FIRE Reforestation Services webpage](#).

Seed Zone by Region

- █ 090 - North Coast Redwood
- █ 100 - Central Coast
- █ 300 - North Coast Interior
- █ 500 - West Slope Sierra
- █ 700 - East Slope Sierra
- █ 950 - Great Basin, NE CA
- █ 960 - Central Valley
- █ 980 - Southern CA Desert
- █ 990 - Southern CA Mountains
- County Boundary



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