



## James R. Clark

### Managing Consulting Arborist



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#### Education

Ph.D. Plant Physiology. 1979.  
University of California (Davis)

M.S. Horticulture. 1975.  
Rutgers University

B.S. Plant Science. 1973.  
Rutgers University

#### Certifications

ISA Certified Arborist (WE-0846A)

ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

#### Awards

Sharon J. Lilly Award of Achievement.  
International Society of Arboriculture.  
2019.

Arbor Day Award. Excellence in Urban  
Forest Leadership. 2016.

Award of Merit. Society of Municipal Ar-  
borists. 2012.

Durrell Maughn Founders Award. Califor-  
nia Urban Forests Council. 2010.

Alex Shigo Award for Arbicultural Edu-  
cation. International Society of Arboricul-  
ture. 2007.

Award of Merit. Western Chapter. Inter-  
national Society of Arboriculture. 2002.

Author's Citation. International Society of  
Arboriculture. 1998.

Research Award. Western Chapter. In-  
ternational Society of Arboriculture. 1993.

Burlington-Northern Faculty Achievement  
Award for Excellence in Teaching. Univ.  
of Washington. 1991.

#### Summary

Jim Clark joined HortScience, Inc. in 1991. He specializes in tree risk as-  
sessment, tree preservation planning, and urban forest management. Jim is  
recognized for his extensive knowledge and experience in these fields. He  
has given over 200 presentations at conferences and workshops throughout  
the U.S., Canada and internationally.

#### Selected Project Experience

Since 2010, Jim has worked with the **San Francisco Recreation & Parks  
Department** to develop and implement a tree risk assessment program in-  
volving more than 50 park properties and over 10,000 trees.

In 2004, **The Presidio Trust** contracted with HortScience to develop and  
implement a tree risk assessment program. Jim led this effort, repeating the  
assessment in 2008 and 2012. More than 10,000 trees have been evaluat-  
ed. Jim has also worked with Presidio staff on a number of capital and trial  
improvement projects.

Jim has worked with **SummerHill Homes** to develop tree preservation plans  
for more than 25 projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.

#### Selected Publications

Clark, J., E.T. Smiley, B. Vicary, R. Gooding, M. Duntemann, L. Burkhart and  
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Appraisal*. 10th edition. Reprint, Atlanta: International Society of Arboricul-  
ture. 2019.

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Guide for the Green Industry*. Urban Tree Foundation. Visalia CA

Clark, J. and N. Matheny. 2010. The research foundation to tree pruning: A  
review of the literature. *Arboriculture & Urban Forestry*. 36(3): 110-120.

Matheny, N. and J. R. Clark. 2009. Tree risk assessment: What we know  
(and what we don't know). *Arborist News*. 18(1): 28-33.

Harris, R. W., J. Clark and N. Matheny. 2004. *Arboriculture – Care of land-  
scape trees, shrubs and vines*. 4th Ed. Prentice Hall Inc. Upper Saddle River  
NJ.

Clark, J. and W. Kruidenier. 2004. Assessment of the USDA Forest Service  
Urban & Community Forestry Program. USDA Forest Service. National Ur-  
ban and Community Forestry Council. Washington D.C.

Matheny, N. & J. Clark. 2008. *Municipal Specialist Certification Study Guide*.  
International Society of Arboriculture. Champaign IL.

Matheny, N. and J. Clark. 1999. *Trees and Development*. International Socie-  
ty of Arboriculture. Savoy IL.