

# TNTWest Community Property Tree Selection List

## solutions for a tight and arid community

Trees are selected for their drought tolerance, heat resistance, cold hardiness, and landscape esthetics. A couple are low production of airborne pollen are listed as well.

**NOTE:** To avoid airborne pollen select plants that are pollinated by creatures rather than by the wind. Brightly colored flowers are usually pollinated by creatures.



### **CRIMSON BOTTLEBRUSH**

*Callistemon citrinus*

Small evergreen tree. Low to mild allergen.

Size: 6' to 15' with similar spread.

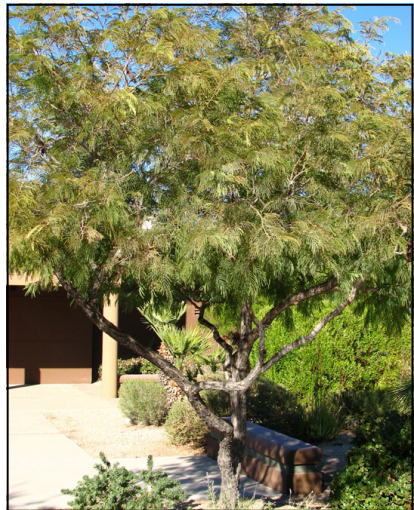
Flowers: Bright crimson with long bloom season.

Water Needs: Moist to dry soil. Drought tolerant.

Comments: Medium growth rate. The leaves can be used to make a tea and the blossoms can be used to sweeten the tea.

Withstands light frost or short cold spells down to 32° F.

Variety includes: Weeping foliage, Crimson, and Lemmon.



### **DESERT FERN**

*Lysiloma thornberi*

Evergreen to deciduous tree.

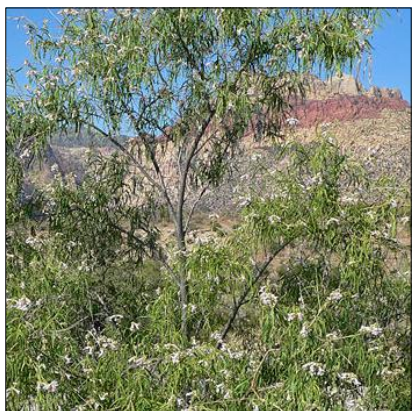
Size: 12-15' tall, 12' spread.

Flowers: flowers are little puff balls that ornament the tree during Spring and Summer.

Water Needs: Moist to dry soil. Drought tolerant.

Comments: Fast growth rate with water. Shade capacity rated as low in leaf.

Hardy to 20° F. Full Sun



### **DESERT WILLOW, Sweet Desert Willow**

*Chilopsis linearis*

Deciduous shrub or small tree. Low production of airborne pollen.

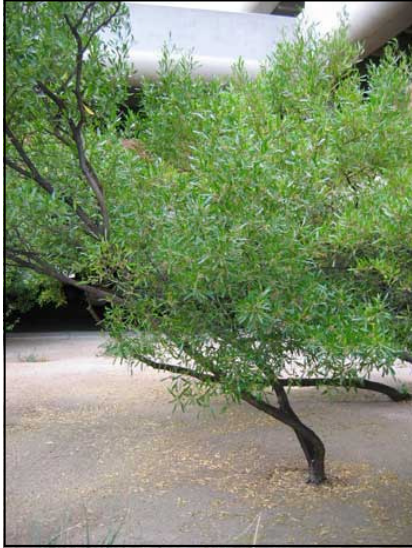
Size: 30' tall with 27' spread.

Flowers: Fragrant, pink to lavender from May to late September or frost.

Water Needs: Moist to dry soil. Drought tolerant.

Comments: Fast growth rate. Heat resistant. Moderate to little water.

Hardy to 10°F.



**HOPSEED BUSH**  
*Dodonaea viscosa*

Small evergreen tree or hedge bush.

Size: 20' tall with equal spread. Fast growth rate.  
Flowers: Inconspicuous flowers in summer are long lasting.  
Water Needs: Moist to dry. Drought tolerant.  
Comments: Smog resistant. Full sun to partial shade.

Hardy to 15°F.

Variety: Purple Hopseed



**JAPANESE PISTACHE, Mastic Tree**  
*Pistacia lentiscus*

Larger irregular evergreen shrub or small tree of the Pistacio genus. Produces a sweet licorice-flavored aromatic chewable resin, called 'mastic'. Helpful with mouth bacteria.

Size: 15-25' tall with equal or greater spread.  
Flowers: dioecious; inconspicuous, in axils of leaves.  
Fruit: rarely present, red to black berries.  
Water Needs: Little to no water.  
Comments: Full sun to part shade.

Hardy to 20°F.

Hardiness: to high teens, damaged in mid teens.



**MULGA ACACIA**  
*Acacia aneura*

Evergreen tree. **Wood has allergen and toxic properties.**

Size: 14' to 18' with 15'-18' spread. Fast growth rate. Full sun.  
Flowers: Blooms small, sulphur yellow, rod shaped flowers. Trees may produce 3 to 4 flower cycles per year.  
Water Needs: Moist to dry soil

Hardy to 15°F.



### **PALO BLANCO**

*White –barked acacia*

Small deciduous tree. Accent tree in landscaping. Excellent for planting close to structures.

Size: 10' to 20' tall with equal spread.

Water Needs: Drought tolerant.

Comments: Reflected sun to partial shade. Slow growing.

Cold hardy 25° to 30° F.



### **TEXAS EBONY**

*Ebenopsis ebano*

Small evergreen tree, semi deciduous. Produces a dense canopy. Has thorny branches.

Size: 30' tall and 30' wide.

Flowers late spring to fall followed by large seedpods.

Fruit: Persistent, brown or black edible.

Water Needs: Well drained soil. Little or no water.

Comments: Slow growth rate. Heat tolerant.

Hardy to 10° F.



### **TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL**

*Sophora secundiflora*

Small evergreen tree. Low production of airborne pollen.

Size: 15-25' tall with 10-12' spread.

Flowers: Blooms in the spring clusters of purple/blue fragrant flowers.

Water Needs: Moist to dry.

Comments: Slow growth. Allergenic. Poisonous.

Hardy to 20° F.