



Tucson Electric Power

Right Tree, Right Place - Shade Tree Guide

Find just the right tree with this shade tree guide, adapted with permission from the Arizona Community Tree Council.

Name	Native to Arizona	Visually compatible in desert landscapes?	Heaviest Bloom Season: SP= Spring; SU= Summer; F=Fall; W=Winter	Flower Color: C=cream; W=White; Y=Yellow; P=Pink; Prp=Purple; R=Red	Height: S= 0-25'; M= 25-40'; L= 40+ '	Shape: S=Spreading; M= Multi/Trunked/Low forked; P=Pyramidal; N=Narrow; C=Conical	Spread: S=0-25'; M=25-40'; L=40+'	Growth Rate: S=Slow; M=Medium; F=Fast	Water Usage: L=Low; M=Medium	Possible Problems: I=Iron Chlorosis; T=Texas Root Rot; D=Other Diseases; P=Pests; L=Litter; W=Wind Damage; In=Invasive roots	Thorns: H=Heavy; M=Moderate; F=Few; N=None	Frost Tolerance: S=Semi-hardy; H=Hardy	Tree Type: E=Evergreen, S=Semideciduous, D=Deciduous	Potential Planting Areas: T=Turf; D=Desert
Aleppo Pine (Pinus halepensis)			N/A		L	S	L	M	M	D,P	N	H	E	T
Blue Palo Verde (Parkinsonia florida)	Y		SP	Y	M	S/M	M	M	L	L	M	H	D	D
Cascalote (Parkinsonia caesalpinia)		Y	W	Y	S	S	S	F	L	P,L	V	28/S	S	T/D
Chinese Elm (Ulmus parvifolia)			SU/F		L	S	L	M	M	T, L	N	H	S	T
Chinese Pistache (Pistacia chinensis)			SU		L	S	L	M	M	T,L	N	H	D	T
Coolibah (Eucalyptus microtheca)			SP	P	M	S	M	M	M	I,L,W,P	N	H	E	T
Coral Gum (Eucalyptus torquata)			N/A	R,Y	S	S	S	M	L	T,D,P,L	N	H	E	D
Desert Fern (Lysiloma thornberi)	Y		SP	C	S/M	S	S/M	M	L	L	N	S	E	D
Desert Willow (Chilopsis linearis)	Y		SP/SU	P/Prp	S	N/M	S	M	L	L	N	H	D	D
Eldarica Pine (Pinus eldarica)			N/A		L	S	L	F	M	P	N	H	E	T
Foothills Palo Verde (Parkinsonia microphylla)	Y	Y	SP	C	S	S/M	S	M	L	L	S	H	D	D
Hybrid Mesquite (Prosopis spp.)		Y	SU	C	M	S	M	F	L	L	V	H	S	T/D
Indian Rosewood (Dalbergia sissoo)			SP	Y/W	L	N	L	F	M		N	S	S	T
Ironwood (Olneya tesota)	Y	Y	SP	P	M	S	M	S	L		V	S	E	D
Live Oak (Quercus virginiana)			SP	Y	L	S	L	S/M	L/M		N	H	S	T
Mexican Ebony (Havadria mexicana)			SP	C	L	S/C	M	M	L	In	M	H	D	D
Mexican Redbud (Cercis mexicana)	Y		SP	P	S	S	S	M	L	D,P,L	N	H	D	T
Monk's Pepper Tree (Vitex agnus-castus)			SP/SU	W/Prp	S/M	S	M	M	M	T,D	N	H	D	T
Mulga (Acacia aneura)			W/SP	C	S	N	S	M	L	W,L	N	H	E	D
Native Mesquite (Prosopis velutina)	Y	Y	SU	C	M	S	M	M	L	W	M	H	D	D
Palo Brea (Parkinsonia praecox)		Y	SP	Y	S	S/M	S	M	L		M	H	S	D
Shoestring Acacia (Acacia stenophylla)			SP	W	M	N	M	M	L/M		N	H	E	D
Sweet Acacia (Acacia farnesiana)		Y	SP	Y	S	S/M	S	F	L/M	T,L	V	H	E	D
Texas Ebony (Ebenopsis ebano)		Y	SP/SU	C	M	S	M	S	L	L,P,In	V	H	E	D
Texas Mesquite (Prosopis glandulosa)		Y	SU	C	M	S	M	M	L	L	M	H	D	T/D
Texas Mountain-Laurel (Sophora secundiflora)			SP	Prp	S	S/M	S	S/M	L	I,P,L	N	H	S	T/D
Texas Redbud (Cercis canadensis var. texensis)			SP	P	S/M	S	S	M/F	L	P	N	H	D	T
Texas Red Oak (Quercus buckleyi)			SP	Brown	M/L	S	M/L	M/F	L	T,D,P,L	N	H	D	T
Weeping Acacia (Acacia salicina)			F/W	C	M	S	M	F	L		N	H	E	D