




PROSOPIS VELUTINA

Native Mesquite

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to N. Mexico, SW U.S.



Why we love it...

Although this tough native isn't Arizona's state tree, it definitely deserves honorable mention as one of the most prominent and useful trees of the Desert Southwest! Many years before this land was called Arizona, indigenous people and local wildlife used the Native Mesquite for shelter, food, medicine, dye and lumber. This hardy tree is deciduous in Tucson, though it may keep its fuzzy, fern-like leaves through mild winters; shedding them just before new foliage emerges in spring. In the wild, shrubby Native Mesquites easily survive on annual rainfall. However, a regular water source allows them to rapidly develop thick, gnarled, and twisted trunks and branches, and a wide canopy that provides filtered shade to anything resting or growing beneath them.



Lydia says: Native Mesquite grows much faster with frequent watering, but stronger branches and root systems are developed by trees that are provided with infrequent but deep irrigation.

Deciduous Tree: *Prosopis velutina*

Size (H x W): 30 feet x 30 feet

Blooms: Yellow catkins in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 0° F, USDA Zone 7

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter to early spring

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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