



## Green Valley Villas West Condominium Association

### Approved Planting List for Common Areas and Suggested Trees for Patios

We live in the beautiful Sonoran Desert. It is an ecological marvel. The grounds of Villas West are a balance of the desert with a bit of traditional greenery. This list was compiled taking into consideration: allergens, beauty, low maintenance, non-invasive root systems, desert appropriate and low water use plants.

- Your patio is your own and your plants are yours to choose.
- Common area elements belong to the condominium Association. Maintenance, planting and removal of vegetation is the responsibility of the Association
- If you would like to suggest a plant for the common grounds it is necessary to fill out a *Grounds Alteration Application* and select plantings from the *Approved Planting List*. You can view the approved plant book in the office or browse the following pages.
- If approved, the suggested planting will be done by the Grounds Crew. Be prepared to pay for your requested plantings and to take care of them.
- A member of the Grounds Committee or the Grounds Crew Supervisor will contact you before your Application is presented to the Board of Directors for Approval. You will be notified by mail, email or phone call as to the decision of the board.
- The Grounds Crew is authorized by the board to remove unapproved vegetation from the common areas. Trees that are removed because of disease or safety will be replaced by the association; however, tree replacement may not always be possible due to space availability, overplanting, or if the replacement tree is in close proximity to existing buildings. Bushes and other plantings may also be removed and not replaced for similar reasons. Bushes may be replaced by a more appropriate species.
- Trees and other vegetation planted within patio walls are the responsibility of the condominium owner. The owner is responsible for damage occurring from patio plantings such as, but not limited to lifted or cracked walls, sidewalks, foundations, or roofs. The condominium association is not responsible for damage caused from trees listed as "*Suggested Trees for Patios.*" The potential for damage is always present whenever vegetation is planted within a small space.

## Suggested Trees for Patios



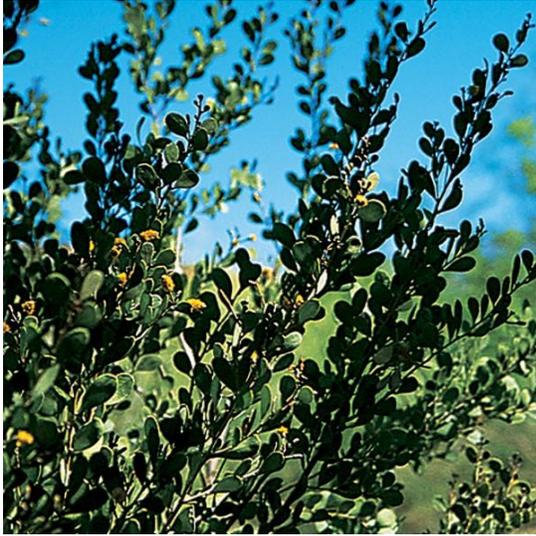
Chinese Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) 30' H x 20' W, Crisp, dark green leaves, white flowers, small poisonous berries, deep spaced irrigation, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) 30' H x 20' W, Bright green shiny leaves, vibrant summer blooms, full sun, requires moderate-amply watering, hardy to 15, *Deciduous*



Flowering Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*) 10-20' H x 15' W, Purple leaves, pink or white spring flowers, moderate growth, moderate water, hardy to 0, *Deciduous*

Guajillo (*Acacia berlandieri*) 10-15' H x 12' W Ferny, lacey leaves, spring puffballs followed by seed pods, mostly thornless, needs to be pruned, moderate water, hardy to 10, *Deciduous*



Leatherleaf Acacia (*Acacia canadensis*) 10-15' H x 10-15' W, Gray-green leaves, bright yellow flowers then seed pods, multi-stemmed, full sun to partly shady, draught tolerant, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Little leaf Ash (*Fraxinus greggii*) 12' H x 9' W, Gray bark, green leaves, multi trunked tree, low water, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*



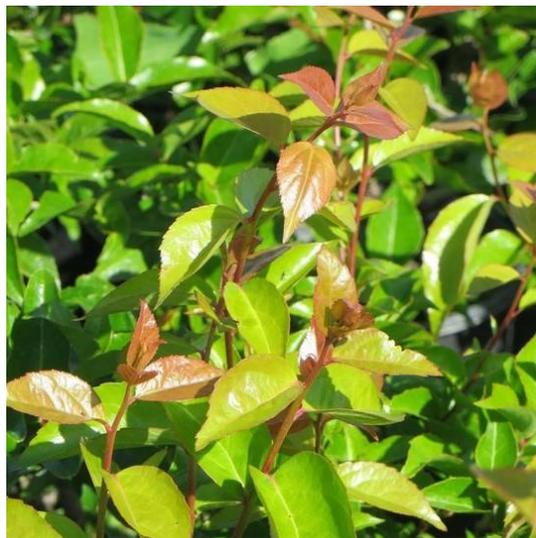
Mastic tree (*Pistacia lentiscus*) 12' H x 8' W, Leathery leaves, needs pruning, slow growing, deep periodic watering after established, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Mexican Redbud (*Cercis canadensis mexicana*) 10' x 15' H, Dark green leaves, small pink-purple flowers, hardy to 0, *Deciduous*



Pineapple Guava (*Feijoa sellowiana*) 10-15' H x 10-15' W, Gray-green leaves, edible pink-white flowers, edible fruit in the fall, occasional deep irrigation, drought resistant, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

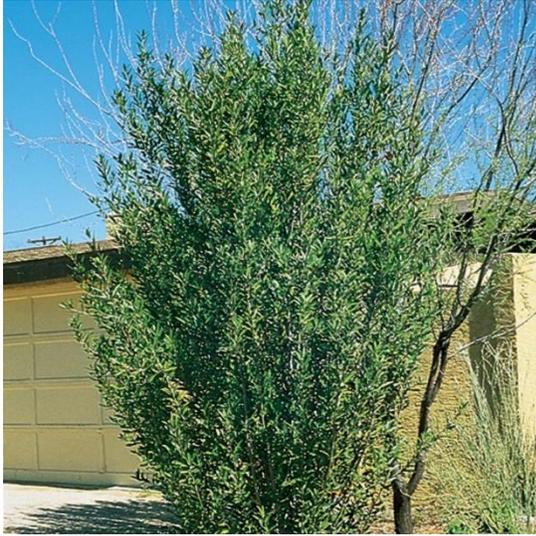
Photinia (*Photinia serrulata*) 8-12' H x 8-10' W , new leaves are coppery turning a deep green, white flower clusters, full sun, deep irrigation, hardy to 5, *Evergreen*



Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) 15' H x 15' W , Dark green 8 inch leaves, violet-blue cluster of flowers followed by seed pods hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Xylosma (*Xylosma congestum*) 10-12' H x 10-12' W Bright green leaves, small green flowers, moderate water, hardy to 25, *Evergreen*

## Shrubs and Vines



Arizona Rosewood (*Vauquelinia californica*) 10-25' H x 5-15' W, Dark green leaves, clusters of small white flowers, wood seed pod, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*,

Bottle Brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) 15' H x 10' W, Bright green leaves, long red bottlebrush shaped flowers, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*



Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea brasiliensis*) 4-11' H x 6' W, Low water usage, many colors, can climb or train as a tree, full sun (South or West walls only), can freeze but has quick recovery, hardy to 28, *Evergreen*

Hope Honeysuckle (*Tecomaria capensis*) 6-8' H x 5' W, half vine-half shrub, deep green leaves, orange-red trumpet flowers, fast growing, moderate water, full to partial sun hardy to 20, *Evergreen*



Cape Plumbago (*Plumbago auriculata*) 4' W x 4' H, Vine like shrub, medium green leaves, cluster of pale blue flowers, loves sun, rapid growth, hardy to 28, *Evergreen*

Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) 15 'H x 8-12' W, Regular and dwarf varieties, many colors moderate to ample water, hardy to, *Deciduous*



Fairy Duster (*Calliandra californica*, *Calliandra hybrid "sierra star"*) 6' H x 6' W, Mounding shrub, feathery leaves, flowers are long red stamens, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Feathery Cassia (*Cassia artemisloides*) 6' H x 6' W, Gray-green needlelike leaves, yellow flowers, fast growth, low water, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



Goldeneye (*Viguiera deltoidei*) 3' H x 3' W, Sprawling shrub, rough texture green leaves yellow daisy like flowers, low water, hardy to 25, *Evergreen*

Gopher Plant (*Euphorbia biglandulosa*) 3-4' H x 3-4' W, Chartreuse flow clusters, unusual form and texture, low-moderate water, hardy to 10, *Evergreen*



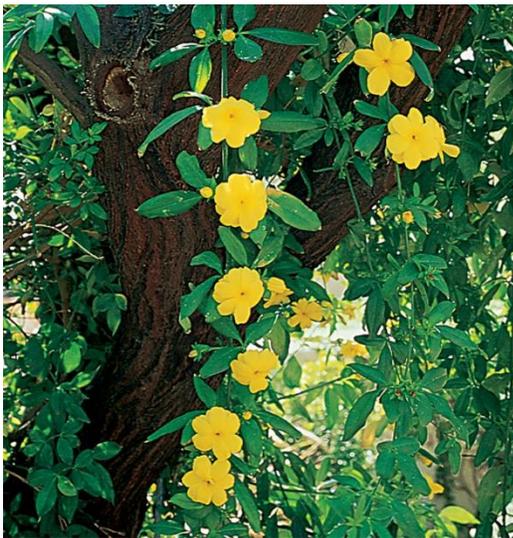
Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*) 4-6' H x 3-4' W, Delicate leaves from cane like stems, leaves turn bronze in winter, tiny white flowers followed by red berries, low to moderate water, hardy to 10, *Evergreen*

Hopbush (*Dodonaea viscosa*) 10' H x 6' W, Bright green leaves, yellow-green flowers turning to papery winged fruits, full to partial sun, low water, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



Huachuca Sumac (*Rhus virens*) 15' H x 12' W, Dark green leaves, clusters of white flowers followed by berrylike fruit, moderate growth, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Japanese Mock Orange (*Pittosporum tobira*) 6-8' H x 6-8' W, Dense, dark green leaves that grow in rosettes, white flower clusters followed by berries, moderate water, no west side planting, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



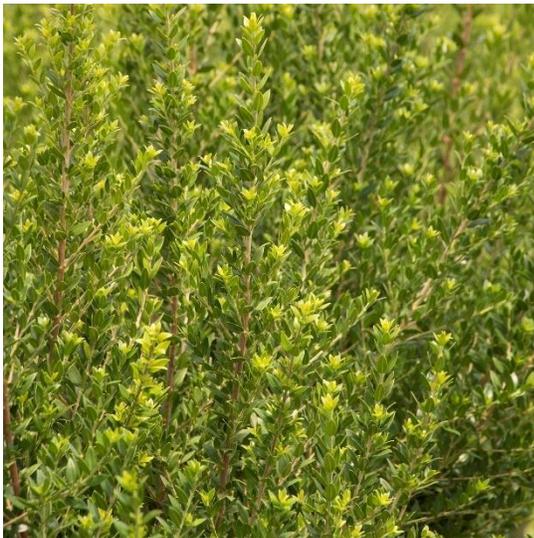
Jasmine (*Jasminum*—all varieties) 6-10' H x 6' W, Vine/shrub, various colored flowers, reflected sun, moderate-ample water, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Lady Banks Rose (*Rosa banksiae* "Tombstone Rose") 15-20' H x 20-30' W, Semi-climbing, yellow flowers in spring, fast growing moderate water, hardy to 0, *Deciduous*



Little Leaf Cordia (*Cordia parvifolia*) 6' H x 8' W, Arching gray branches, olive-green leaves, clusters of white flowers, low water, hardy to 28, *Evergreen*

Mexican Bird of Paradise Red or Yellow (*Caesalpinia*) 3-6' H x 3-6' W, Fernlike leaves, summer blooms of red or yellow, poison pods, moderate water, hardy to 30 but grows back rapidly, *Deciduous*



Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*) 5-7' H x 4-6' W, Dark green leaves, white or pink flowers, small blue-black flowers, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Dwarf Oleander (*Nerium*) 3-5' H x 3-6' W, Dense deep green leaves, clusters of white, pink and red flowers, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*



Yellow or Orange Bells (*Tecoma species*) 5-25' H x 3-20' W, Medium green leaves, yellow-orange tubular flowers, fast growing, hardy to 28 but recovers quickly, *Evergreen*

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) 12-20' H, 10-12' W, Deep green leaves, red flowers, fruiting varieties produce hard, apple size fruits, rapid growth, hardy to 10, *Deciduous*



Pineapple Guava (*Feijoa sellowiana*) 12-15' H x 12-15' W Gray-green leaves, edible pink-white flowers, Green 3" edible fruit, occasional deep watering, drought tolerant, moderate growth, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Queen's Wreath Vine (*Antigonon leptopus* "Coral Vine") 20' H x 25' W, Tendril climbing, clusters of pink, white, or red flowers, draught tolerant, hardy to 32 but grows back quickly, *Deciduous*



Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) 2' H x 4-8' W, Dark green needlelike leaves, pale blue flowers, aromatic, low water, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Sugar Bush (*Rhus ovata*) 15' H x 15' W, Dense, leathery, dark green leaves, cluster of pink flowers, slow growing, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



Texas Ranger (*Leucophyllum candidum*) 4-5' H x 5' W, Silver leaves, blue-violet flower, moderate growth rate, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*) 30' W 30' W, Dark green compound leaves, pin, yellow or orange trumpet clusters, rapid growth, dormant in winter, moderate water, hardy to 20, *Deciduous*



Valentine (*Eremophila species*) 4-6' H x 4-6' W, Small dark gray-green leaved, tubular red flowers low water, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*

Woolly Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia marrubifolia*) 3-5' H x 3-5' W, Compact dense shrub, gray velvety leaves, clusters of orange flowers, low-moderate water, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

**Perennials, Accents, Ground Covers, & Self-Sow Flowers**



African Daisy (*Dimorphotheca sinuate*) 12" H x 4" W, Two to three inch leaves, blooms in the spring, low water, reseeds, *Annual*

Blackfoot Daisy (*Melanodinium leucanthum*) 8" H x 2" W, Blooms spring to fall, rapid growth, low water, *Perennial*



Bulbine (*Bulbine frutescens*) 24" H x 36" W, foot long stalks with long lasting small yellow flowers, *Evergreen*

Bush Daisy (*Euryops pectinatus*) 48" H x 48" W, rounded bush, bright yellow long lasting flowers, hardy to 20 degrees, *Evergreen*



Chocolate Flower (*Berlandiera lyrata*) 12" H x 24" W, smells like chocolate, blooms summer-fall, low water, *Perennial*

Desert Marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*) 12" H x 12" W, yellow flowers that bloom almost all year, low water, *Perennial*



Gaura (*Gaura lindhelmeri*) 18" H x 12" W, Clusters of stems with small green leaves, tall stalks with pink flowers, blooms April-fall, low water, *Perennial*

Golden Dysodia (*Dyssodia pentachaeta*) 7" H x 7" W, low growing shrub with miniature daisy like flowers, blooms April-October, *Perennial*



Mist Flower (*Eupatorium greggii*) 24" H x 24" W, Blue puffy flower clusters, blooms summer-fall, low water, prune in the winter, *Perennial*

Paper Flower (*Psilostrophe cooperi*) 8-20" H x 8-20" W, Hairy leaves that turn greener with age, yellow flowers that turn papery as they dry, *Perennial*



Rain Lily (*Zephyranthes candida*) 12" H x 12" W, Bulb, white or pink flowers in the fall, needs filtered shade, low water, *Deciduous*

## Multiple Varieties of Flower and Grass Species

### Dalea Species

Colors vary from purple, rose to yellow depending on the species, low water, hardy to 20, 1-6' H x 3-8' W, *Evergreen*



*Dalea candida*



*Dalea purpurea*

### Lantana Species

Can be mounding or freeform depending on the species, many flowers March-November, will freeze back at 28 but will recover well, 12-36" H x 36-60" W, *Evergreen*



*Lantana camara*



*Lantana montevidensis*

### **Penstemon Species**

Blooms of various colors flowering in spring, summer and fall, low to moderate water, 1-5' H x 2' W, *Perennial*



*Desert pseudospectabilis*



*Penstemon eatonii*



*Pineleaf pinifolius*



*Penstamen parryi*

### Periwinkle Species

Purple, pink or white flowers, draught resistant, partial shade, hardy to 15 degrees 6-12" high, width varies with species, *Perennial*



*Vinca major*



*Vinca minor*

### Primrose Species

Considered a ground cover as it spreads quickly, flowers in the spring and summer, full sun, regular watering schedule, 8-12" H x 36" W, hardy to 20, *Evergreen*



"Siskiyou Evening Primrose"

*Primrose Berlanderi*

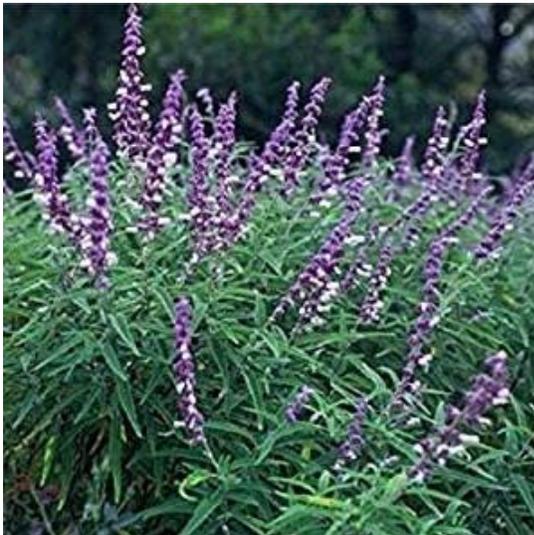


"Desert Evening Primrose"

*Primrose caespitosa*

### Salvia Species

Months of bloom varies with the species, colors range from red, purple, pink, white and blue, 1-2' H x 3-6' W, *Perennial*



"Purple Sage"

*Salvia leucantha*



"Germaner Sage"

*Salvia chamaedryoides*



"Autumn Sage"

*Salvia greggii*



"Desert Sage"

*Salvia dorrii*

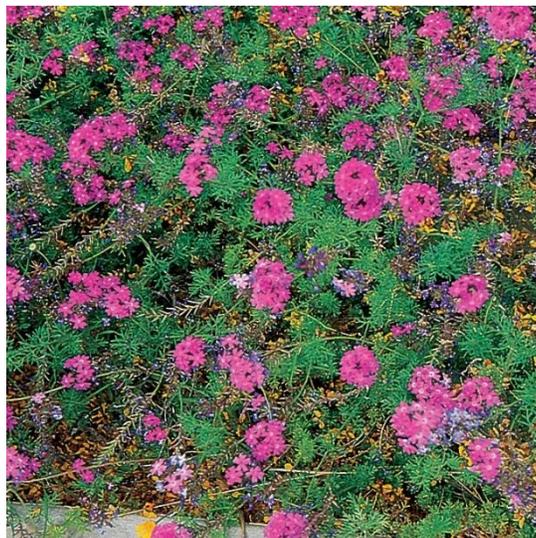
## Verbena Species

Some species are short lived perennials while others are longer life perennials, color ranges from pink to lavender to red, 1-2' H x 3-5' W



"Gooding's Verbena"

*Verbena gooddingii*



"Moss Verbena"

*Verbena pulchella*



“Slender Vervena”

*Verbena rigida*



“ Moss Verbena”

*Verbena tenuisecta*

### Ornamental Grass Species

Rigens species have tan flower stalks up to 6’ tall in early fall. Capillaries species has deep pink or red flower spikes in fall and winter, Lindheimeri species has spikes in the fall, 3-5’ H x 3-5’ W



“Deer Grass”

*Muhlenbergia rigins*



“Pink Muhly Grass”

*Muhlenbergia capillaris*



“Big Muhly Grass”

*Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*

### **Cactus, Yucca, Agave**



Beavertail Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia basilaris*) 1' H x 3' W, Low spreading, full or reflected sun, magenta flowers



Desert Agave Succulent “Century Plant”(Agave Deserti) 6' H x 4' W, Full sun, grows large stock with yellow-cream flowers



Desert Spoon Succulent (*Dasylirion wheeleri*) 4' H x 4' W, Full sun, cream colored flowers on tall stocks  
Englemann's Hedgehog Cactus (*Echinocereus engelmannii*) 1' H x 2' W, Full sun, clumping, magenta flowers



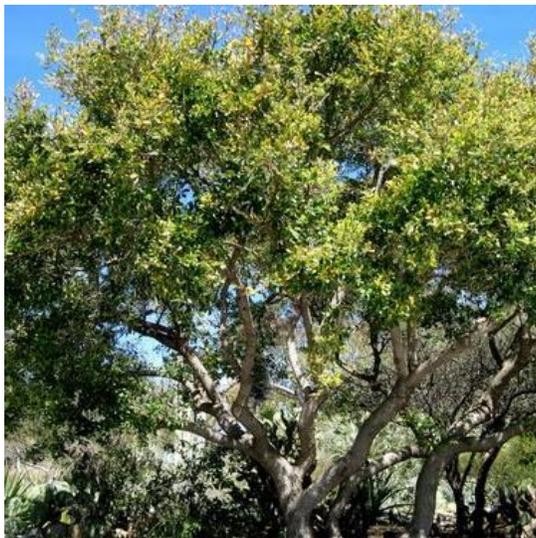
Golden Barrel Cactus (*Echinocactus grusonii*) 1 1/2 ' H x 2' W, Full or partial sun, yellow flowers  
Organ Pipe Cactus (*Stenocereus thurberi*) 10' H x 10' W, Full or partial sun, pink flowers that bloom at night



Red Yucca Succulent (*Hesperaloe parviflora*) 3' H x 5' W, Full or partial sun, red stalks

Purple Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia santa-rita*) 4' H x 5' W, Full or partial sun, yellow flowers

### Trees for the Common Areas Only



California Fan Palm (*Washingtonia Filifera*) 50' H x 32 W, gray-green fanlike leaves, require little water, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

California Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) 20-70' H x 25-80' W, Dark, leathery holly like leaves, dark gray bark, full sun, hardy to 10, *Evergreen*



Chaste Tree (*vitex agnus-castus*) 10-20' H x 10-20' W, dark green aromatic leaves, loses leaves in the winter, lavender, pink or white flower spikes, hardy to 20, *Deciduous*

Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*) 30'H x 30'W, Shiny dark green leaves, acorns, reflected sun and heat, moderate growth hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



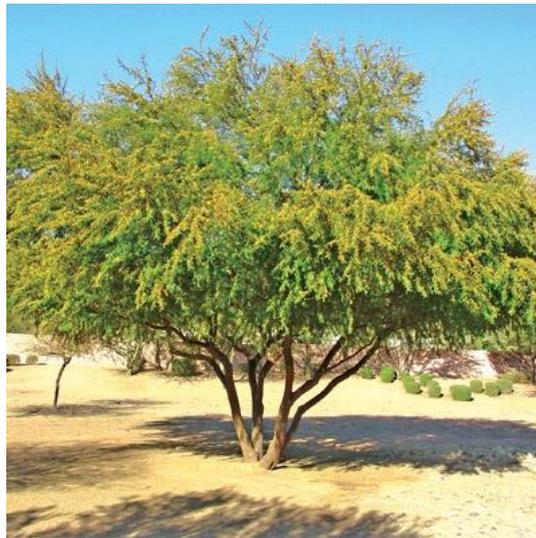
Desert Museum Palo Verde "Sonoran Emerald" (*Cercidium hybrid*) 20'H x 30' W, deep green branches, yellow flowers in the spring, rapid growth, non-fruiting, hardy to 18, *Evergreen*

Edible Fig (*ficus carica*) 12'H x 5' W, Large bring green leaves, loses leaves in the winter, fruit in the summer, full sun and low water when established, hardy to 25, *Deciduous*



Mexican Blue Palm (*Brahea armata*) 25'-30' H x 8-10'W, Blue-green foliage, whitish flower garlands maturing to berrylike fruit, drought tolerant, give deep-widely spaced irrigation, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Mulga (*Acacia aneura*) 20' H x 14-18' W, Looks like an olive tree, silver foliage, small yellow flowers, seed pods, low-moderate water, do not overwater, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



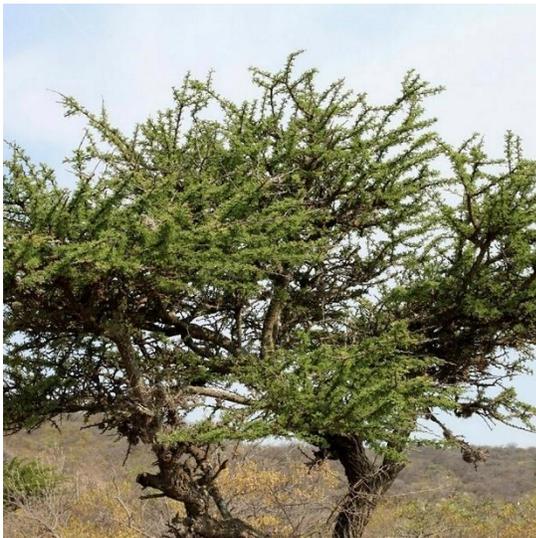
Swan Hill Olive (*Cercidium hybrid*) 25-30' H x 25-30' W, Totally fruitless, stiff gray-green leaves, gray bark, no pollen, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Sweet Acacia (*Acacia smallii*) 25' H x 20'W, umbrella-shaped crown, ferny foliage, thorns, fragrant yellow puffball flowers followed by beans, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*



Texas Ebony (*Pithecellobium flexicaule*) 25' H x 20' W, Dense, spreading, low-branched thorny dark green leaves, creamy yellow flowers, seed pods, hardy to 15, *Evergreen*

Texas Red Oak (*Quercus buckleyi*) 30' H x 30' W, Dense, bright green leaves turning to scarlet in the fall, acorns, loses leaves, moderate to rapid growth, hardy to 15, *Deciduous*



Twisted Acacia (*Acacia schaffneri*) 20-25' H x 25-30' W, Yellow spring flowers, followed by beanpods. Leaves grow closely along the branches, thorns, full sun, drought resistant, low water after established, hardy to 20, *Deciduous*