

Arizona / Velvet Ash (Common Name)



Fraxinus velutina (Scientific Name)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 30' – 40' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Friendly: 30' – 50' from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: Dark green leaves, mostly 5 ovate to lanceolate leaflets per leaf.

Flowers: Dioecious, flowers inconspicuously grown on separate trees in late winter.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: High

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: Yes

Invasive Species: No



Tree Care: Plant in full sun, but care to avoid sunscald. Tolerant of alkaline soil. Prune to elevate the canopy.

Ecosystem Services: A popular tree for its large crown, which makes it a good shade tree. Good for wind resistance and can be grown as part of a shelterbelt. In local areas the wood is used to manufacture handles of axes and wagons.